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Govt payroll a day ahead

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REPORTER

Government employees will receive their salaries today, a day ahead of schedule because of "austerity Friday," but most paychecks reflect only 64 hours instead of the regular 80 hours per pay period.

» **Most paychecks reflect only 64 hours of work**

Press secretary Angel Demapan said that, due to the austerity Friday, automated transfers will be processed today for government employees. "For those employees who have not opted for direct deposit, they will receive paper checks [today] as well," he told *Saipan Tribune*. Demapan said the government is "fortunate enough to see a greater amount of collections given

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'Municipal employees eligible for retirement benefits'

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Rota, Tinian, Saipan, and the Northern Islands' municipal employees are eligible to participate and receive retirement benefits from the NMI Retirement Fund, based on an opinion by Senate legal counsel Antonette Villagomez.

The eight-page confidential memo, See BENEFITS on Page 4

CULTURAL EXCHANGE

Visiting students from the Chigasaki High School pose for the *Saipan Tribune* yesterday while enjoying the special cultural exchange festivities at Saipan Southern High School grounds. Over 270 Japanese students were on island for their seventh annual journey to their sister school.

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What will happen if the AG now has to please the entire population? Do you think anyone will get prosecuted on election year? It's a good idea on paper, but not practical.

—House floor leader George Camacho (Ind-Saipan)

Elected AG initiative passes House

» **After lengthy debate, only speaker, floor leader voted 'no'**
» **'What's taking OAG so long to collect \$6.3M in recoverable money?'**

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On a 17-2 vote, the House of Representatives passed yesterday afternoon a legislative initiative authorizing the election of an attorney general.

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However, if the measure passes the Senate shortly, the initiative will not be presented to CNMI voters until the next midterm election.

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Internet gambling, shark fin ban bills pass House

» House approves 4 other measures

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A bill regulating and taxing Internet gambling on Saipan narrowly passed the House of Representatives after a lengthy debate on its compliance with federal laws yesterday, a day after passing two other revenue-generating bills.

Rep. Joseph Palacios's (R-Saipan) House Bill 17-129 or the Internet Gambling Act of 2010 passed on a 10-9 vote.

Besides the Internet gambling bill and a legislative initiative allowing for the election of an attorney general (*See story on Page 1*), the House also passed yesterday four other measures that included minority leader Diego Benavente's (R-Saipan) HB 17-94, banning the sale and distribution of shark fins in the CNMI.

Six of those who voted "no" on the Internet gambling bill were members of the Republican minority, plus two independents and one Covenant.

Rep. Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan) was absent yesterday.

HB 17-129 provides for Internet gambling on Saipan, the only one of three major islands in the Commonwealth where casino gambling is illegal. Its passage came two months after the Senate rejected a Saipan casino gambling bill.

The bill's author, in an interview during a session break, said that Internet gambling is already common in the CNMI.

"If this bill becomes law, we could regulate and tax Internet gambling and generate revenue. Right now, people here who gamble do not pay taxes. There's no tax imposed on their

winnings," Joseph Palacios told *Saipan Tribune*.

The attorney general, under the bill, is tasked to assist the Finance secretary in developing the regulations for the Act.

Palacios said the CNMI government can earn revenue by imposing tax on every cash prize sent through a bank account.

Besides the author, the nine other members who voted "yes" on the internet gambling bill were floor leader George Camacho (Ind-Saipan), Rep. Joseph Deleon Guerrero (R-Saipan), Rep. Rafael Demapan (Cov-

saipan), Rep. Sylvester Iguel (Cov-Saipan), Vice Speaker Felicidad Ogumoro (Cov-Saipan), Speaker Froilan Tenorio (Cov-Saipan), Rep. Ray Basa (Cov-Saipan), Rep. Stanley Torres (Ind-Saipan), and Rep. Ray Palacios (Cov-Saipan).

Those who opposed the bill included minority leader Diego Benavente (R-Saipan), Rep. Frank Dela Cruz (R-Saipan), Rep. Frederick Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan), Rep. Tony Sablan (R-Saipan), Rep. Teresita Santos (Ind-Rota), Rep. Ray Tebuteb (R-Saipan), Rep. Edmund Villagomez (Cov-Saipan), Rep. Ray Yumul (R-Saipan), and Rep. Trenton Conner (R-Tinian).

When the bill passed, the speaker almost cursed while the microphone was on. Tenorio's controversial casino bill passed the House but was dead on arrival at the Senate.

Sablan, during voting, said he's voting against the bill because he is not convinced that the bill complies with federal laws and regulations.

Members questioned how Internet gambling winnings would be monitored and taxed.

Santos, for her part, asked the author and committees why the bill was not offered for public hearings on Rota and Tinian.

At this point, the speaker said committees could no longer afford to hold public hearings on Rota and Tinian because members cut the leadership account in the fiscal year 2011 budget.

Deleon Guerrero said the more appropriate response would be that Tinian and Rota will not be physically or sig-

nificantly affected; rather, the whole Commonwealth stands to gain "in terms of taxes."

Tinian Mayor Ramon Dela Cruz, who was at the Legislature yesterday afternoon, is opposed to the Internet gambling bill.

"As far as I'm concerned, any form of gambling on Saipan is illegal. Even the 750 video lottery machines, bringing them here is illegal in my opinion," Dela Cruz told *Saipan Tribune*.

The bill defines "remote game" as any game offered for play via the Internet, telephone or other telecommunication technology to any person not physically on the premises of the operator, regardless of whether such person is within or without the CNMI.

Other bills

The House also passed the following bills:

■ House Bill 17-58, which seeks to amend the qualifying certificate program to clarify ambiguous provisions. Rep. Joseph Deleon Guerrero (R-Saipan) co-authored the bill, along with five other members.

■ House Bill 17-61, which seeks to eliminate fees for the maintenance of small parcels of public land. Rep. Teresita Santos (Ind-Rota) authored the bill.

■ House Bill 17-84, offered by Rep. Frederick P. Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan). The bill prohibits the use of words or phrases that unintentionally express negative and disparaging attitudes toward persons with disabilities in legislation, resolutions, regulations, memorials, documents, correspondence and signage.

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Police catch 3 men in the act of burglarizing Shirley's

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Three men were arrested Monday after being caught in the act of burglarizing the Shirley's Restaurant in Susupe, police said.

Theodore O. Pehnos, Roland R. Kaipat, and Shabbo C. Sa-

blan were arrested by responding police officers who apprehended them at the scene and found copper wires that were already skinned at the generator room of Shirley's Restaurant.

The police had gone to the restaurant in response to a call of a possible burglary in progress.

CUC fears revenue slump due to govt shutdown, work-hour cuts

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The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. fears a severe drop in its revenue this fiscal year due to the recent government shutdown and the work-hour cuts implemented among government employees.

In a testimony pre-filed with the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission, chief financial officer Chuck Warren stated that the CNMI's economic condition will no doubt persist for at least two years, resulting in an adverse impact to the utility firm's operation.

"In my role as a CUC manager responsible for developing the financial capability to deliver the service that our customers deserve, and our economy needs in order to recover, I consider the government's rollback to be very serious for CUC. ... I fear that our sales will drop, thereby lessening the projected

contribution to covering our base expenditures," he said in his testimony.

Warren said the bottom line for CUC is to be able to provide the services expected of it.

"I must emphasize that underfunding CUC operations in the hope that we can all get through to better economic situations will only exacerbate the problems the CNMI has experienced with our power system," he added.

CUC filed a petition last week to increase its electric base rate to address the \$5.6 million projected loss this fiscal year. The commission will review the request and will decide during its March 2011 regulatory session.

According to rate consultant Dan Jackson, a favorable action on the rate increase petition will improve CUC's financial position and its ability to provide better quality service to customers.

Man'amko in for hectic Thanksgiving week

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REPORTER

The senior citizens on island will have an eventful week as the Aging Center gears up for a hectic Thanksgiving week.

Program coordinator Walter Manglona said the man'amko already have a schedule of activities next week for the Thanksgiving holiday.

On Monday, the man'amko are scheduled to participate in a bowling activity at the Saipan Bowling Center in Oleai.

The Rotary Club of Saipan will host a Thanksgiving program luncheon for the senior citizens on Nov. 23. Manglona said the Rotarians visit the man'amko during this holiday.

The Hotel Association of Northern Mariana Islands is scheduled to treat the senior citizens at Fiesta Resort on Nov. 24.

According to Manglona, the hotel organization has been generous to the man'amko and provides them entertainment through different shows and presentations.

Manglona said the center will be closed on Nov. 25 in observance of Thanksgiving Day.

On Nov. 26, it will be Washington Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan's turn to host a Thanksgiving luncheon, which will coincide with the celebration of the November birthday celebrators.

Detective Steven A. Castro of the Criminal Investigation Bureau said there is probable cause to support burglary charges against three suspects.

The complaint stated that the estimated cost to restore the damaged electrical system amounted to \$10,435.20, per Castro's meeting with the vic-

tim, Helen Al-Alou.

It also stated that the three had been previously arrested several times, based on Castro's further investigations.

Castro requested that bail for each of the three be set at \$15,000.

Assistant attorney general Eli Golob appeared for the government. The three have been remanded to the custody of the Department of Corrections.

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Garapan power outage on Saturday

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. has scheduled a three-hour power outage in certain part of Garapan on Saturday Nov. 20, to replace a rotten power pole on Rosa St.

The outage, from 7:30am through 10:30am, will affect residents and businesses along Asusena Avenue, Casa Urashima Restaurant, Kristo Rai Church, Alaihai Avenue, Chamorro House Building 2, and the Torres Building.

The outage is intended to ensure the safety of linemen, CUC said.

It said that line crew will continue to perform ongoing maintenance to the electrical grid throughout the succeeding weeks and the schedules will be announced accordingly.

CUC said the maintenance work is part of efforts to increase reliability of power to customers.

"CUC apologizes for any inconvenience the power interruptions may cause and will continue to work diligently to minimize future interruptions," it said. (*Saipan Tribune*)



WHO DID THIS?

A spray-painted graffiti on the side wall of Liberty Plaza, facing the main entrance to the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services' Application Support Center has residents asking, "Who would write such a thing?"

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addressed to Senate President Paul Manglona (R-Rota), a copy of which was obtained by *Saipan Tribune* yesterday, indirectly responds to House Speaker Froilan C. Tenorio's (Cov-Saipan) questions on the eligibility of Rota and Tinian municipal employees to receive retirement benefits.

Tenorio initially questioned the eligibility of Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission's board members to receive retirement benefits. He later expanded the question to include Rota and Tinian municipal employees.

The speaker is planning to hold an oversight hearing on the matter.

Rota and Tinian senators said the speaker may only be retaliating against the Senate for killing his Saipan casino bill.

The Nov. 1 legal opinion analyzes the laws and regulations of the NMI Retirement Fund, as well as the CNMI Constitution, the Covenant, public laws, and case laws.

It concluded that the offices of the mayors and municipal councils of Rota, Tinian, Saipan, and Northern Islands, and the resident departments of Rota and Tinian "are part of the government of the CNMI."

"Therefore, the employees of such offices are employees of the government of the CNMI and are eligible to participate in the Retirement Fund program of the Northern Mariana Islands Retirement Fund pursuant to the Northern Mariana Islands Retirement Fund Act of 1988, codified at 1 CMC 8301 et seq.," the legal opinion states.

The opinion also said the issue of whether an entity is part of the Commonwealth government was addressed by the CNMI Superior Court in the *Marianas Visitors Bureau v. Commonwealth* civil case in 1994.

In this particular case, the court examined the government's role in the operation of the bureau, the predecessor of the Marianas Visitors Authority, and determined that it was not a private corporation but rather a government agency with quasi-corporate powers.

The court relied on the analysis of the Seventh Circuit in *Mendrala v. Crown Mortgage Co.* when it weighed five factors in determining whether an entity is in fact part of the government: the government's ownership interest in the entity; government control over the entity's activities; the entity's structure; government involvement in the entity's finances; and the entity's function or mission.

reflect 64 hours as a result of the new budget law that calls for a 16-hour cut among Executive Branch agency employees as well as 13 unpaid holidays in fiscal year 2011.

The Judiciary and the Legislature have also implemented austerity days and hours to live within their funding.

The CNMI government had five partial payless paydays since June because of severe cash shortage. Because of this, only critical service employees such as police officers, firefighters, doctors and nurses were able to receive their paychecks on time during these five paydays.

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Some Capital Hill employees interviewed yesterday afternoon said while they are glad that this is not another "payless payday," their paychecks only



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tions in 2012.

House Legislative Initiative 17-2 drew considerable discussion among the House members, especially House Speaker Froilan C. Tenorio (Cov-Saipan) who initially wanted the author, Rep. Frank Dela Cruz's (R-Saipan), to withdraw his initiative to incorporate the speaker's concerns.

Of the 19 members present, only two voted "no" on Dela Cruz's initiative: Tenorio and floor leader George Camacho (Ind-Saipan).

Rep. Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan) was absent in yesterday's session.

The passage of the initiative comes while the Office of the Public Auditor is investigating the substance of complaints lodged against Attorney General Edward T. Buckingham and the Office of the Attorney General for hosting a campaign gathering for delegate candidate Joseph N. Camacho of the ruling Covenant Party in the last election.

Some community members are saying that the alleged violation of election and ethics laws involving the current attorney general and his office give credence to the need for an independent or elected AG, rather than an appointed one.

Redraft it

Tenorio made clear during the session that he supports an elected AG; his opposition is only to the way the initiative is worded.

"The attorney general, in my opinion, is not doing his job," he added.

Tenorio left the House chamber immediately after the initiative got the overwhelming support of members.

In a brief interview later, Tenorio said he was "pissed off" that the members of the majority voted "yes" on Dela Cruz's initiative despite an earlier agreement not to support it unless his concerns are also addressed.

He earlier told reporters he would want to introduce his own elected AG initiative, thinking Dela Cruz's initiative would be defeated.

The speaker raised concerns about the initiative's provisions, including on the qualifications of the AG and the residency requirement.

Camacho, for his part, said having an elected AG would make the position "more political," and will create "more problems than solve" them.

"The intent is to prevent the AG from being political with the governor. What will happen if the AG now has to please the entire population? Do you think anyone will get prosecuted on election year? It's a good idea on paper, but not practical," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

House Speaker Froilan C. Tenorio (Cov-Saipan), left, explains his proposed changes to Rep. Francisco Dela Cruz's (R-Saipan), center, legislative initiative authorizing the election of an attorney general, while Rep. Ray Tebuteb (R-Saipan), right, looks on during a break in yesterday's session on Capital Hill. The speaker was one of only two members who voted "no" on Dela Cruz's House Legislative Initiative 17-2 only because of the way the measure is worded; the other one is floor leader George Camacho (Ind-Saipan).

HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

rected the figure, saying it's \$6.3 million, not \$7 million as OPA reported.

Dela Cruz said three decades had passed since some of these funds were "squandered" and yet the OAG has not collected or recovered them.

He said the proposal to have an elected AG is not new; it's been introduced many times in the Legislature but those measures were either rejected or never got out of the committee.

"Should we wait again? That's what we've been doing for three decades... If we're afraid to make a decision because we have family or relatives to be affected... let's look at this seriously. There are people who have lost confidence in us because we can't even do the right thing. We have \$7 million in collectibles and we're still sitting here," he said.

Palacios said half of those who owe the government money are his relatives.

"Sad to say but it's the reality," he said, adding that he is also dissatisfied that these are not being collected.

He said the figure used to be \$13 million, "but we lost half of that because of the statute of limitation."

"There's a possibility that it will be just written off... For that reason, I support this legislative initiative," Palacios added.

He also said that about a third of the \$6.3 million is from former Tinian officials.

House minority leader Diego Benavente (R-Saipan), who was opposed to an elected AG during previous Legislatures, said he now supports it.

"I now feel it's timely and necessary," he told his colleagues. He said in the past, he felt it was not easy to find qualified individuals for the post.

Benavente also disagreed with the speaker's assertion that 35 years old is "too young" for a qualified AG. He said contrary to the speaker's statement, a five-year residency requirement is a good threshold.

Rep. Stanley Torres (Ind-Saipan) also introduced a similar initiative in the 13th Legislature. While the House passed it in the form of a substitute bill, the Senate did not act on it.

Senate Vice President Jude Hofschneider (R-Tinian), when asked for comment, said he supports the idea of having an elected AG.

"An elected AG would hopefully remove presumed political bias," he said, adding that he also hopes to see that someday, there would also be consideration on electing other board members such as a reconstituted Board of Public Lands. He wants the Department of Public Lands to become an independent agency again, and not under the Office of the Governor.

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wants the age requirement to be 50 rather than 35 as Dela Cruz proposed. He also wants the residency requirement to be much shorter than five years.

He also said there should be a separate article in the CNMI Constitution about the elected AG, and not just a section.

Tenorio said if could have his way, he wants a new CNMI Department of Justice created, to be headed by an elected AG.

"I hope by the time I'm finished, I'll be able to convince the author to withdraw the bill and redraft it," Tenorio said.

Dela Cruz, during the session, said he's willing to accept floor amendments from the speaker.

Tenorio said he has "many" amendments.

Dela Cruz then asked the speaker why he is raising these issues only now.

"Why didn't you raise these during the past six months. ... Why only now?" he asked the speaker.

\$6.3M in unrecovered funds'
Dela Cruz said there will be "better governance" if the AG is an elected one.

During discussion on the bill, Dela Cruz brought up the \$7 million in taxpayers' money that the Office of the Attorney General has not recovered from entities who either misspent or overspent or improperly paid public funds.

Rep. Joseph Palacios (R-Saipan) cor-

CUC proposes \$15M bond financing to meet stipulated orders

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REPORTER

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. proposes to seek a \$15 million bond financing so it could fully comply with the requirements of two federal stipulated orders.

Abe Utu Malae, CUC executive director, told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that the recommended annual interest rate is 4 percent for a 20-year term.

To pay for it, Malae said "about \$0.04/kWh would come

Over 270 Japanese students on island for cultural exchange

» **Chigasaki official says this could be group's last visit to Saipan**

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REPORTER

Over 270 Japanese students from Chigasaki High School were on island yesterday for their seventh annual cultural exchange visit with students of Saipan Southern High School. But this could be the group's last visit to Saipan, said Chigasaki High School vice principal Tetsuya Abe, due to limited air seats for Japanese students.

Abe said the 277 students were split into groups, along with 11 teacher-chaperones. The first batch arrived on Monday night while the second arrived Tuesday morning. Yesterday, all visiting students joined the more than 800 enrollees of Saipan Southern High School in a special cultural celebration on campus.

According to SSHS principal Jesse Tudela, his students and their parents offered visitors native food and delicacies. Booths were seen filled with visitors interacting with their counterparts.

"They brought their culture over such as their tea ceremony and taught our students how to make traditional Japanese toys," said Tudela.

The host students, for their part, showed off local dances

and cultural activities such as weaving and *mwar*-making.

The highlight of the well-organized, five-hour cultural event yesterday was special performances by students from both schools.

Tudela remains hopeful that the group will reconsider its plan of returning to Saipan.

"They have been here for seven years since 2004 and this is the largest group we have accommodated from Chigasaki. I just hope they come back next year," he said.

As a symbol of the schools' long-time friendship, Abe offered a hand-carved Japanese item for luck, while Tudela handed him a carved latte stone with both schools' abbreviation and a manta ray symbol.

"We're very grateful to SSHS and the students for the many years of exchanging culture with us. The journey each year is a wonderful experience and opportunity for our student and we're happy that we have built this special friendship with SSHS," Abe told *Saipan Tribune*.

"They brought their culture over such as their tea ceremony and taught our students how to make traditional Japanese toys," said Tudela.

The group is scheduled to depart today and tomorrow for Japan.

from our electric rates," while the rest would come from other CUC revenue sources.

He said the bulk of proceeds would go toward meeting the requirements for stipulated order 2, which deals with oil management.

CUC had been cited by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for failure to comply with water and wastewater rules, which falls under stipulated order 1, and oil management under stipulated order 2.

"The more we work on stipulated order 2, the more problems we find; it is the gift that keeps on giving. The stark difference between SO2 and [SO1] is that we have more choices for financing [SO1], but few options to finance SO2. The Department

of the Interior's Office of Insular Affairs has been the biggest help in financing stipulated order 2," said Malae.

Projects that will be covered by the \$15 million bond include containment projects, \$250,000; Rota tank repairs, \$650,000; to replace tanks 101 and 102, \$2 million; power plants 1 and 2 cleanup and remediation, \$1.5 million; piping for tanks, \$150,000; Rota workplan, \$200,000; oil pipeline, \$1.6 million; pipeline spur, \$500,000; used oil program, \$400,000; tank 104, \$600,000; power plant 3 cleanup, \$300,000; power plant 4 cleanup, \$400,000; storm drain planning and construction, \$1 million; large rolling stock, \$1 million; contingency

and financing costs, \$3 million; and \$1.45 million for two other projects, described as OWS and ERP.

'Good credit standing'

Malae admitted yesterday that bond financing requires good credit standing, which means the CNMI government has to settle all its outstanding receivable issues in order to obtain a favorable response from the bond market.

"We have to go to the bond market to float a bond—CUC has done that before. But first we have to ensure that our financial situation is stabilized and the financial and single audits are current. If we are not financially healthy, it would be difficult for us to borrow at a

low rate," Malae said.

For CUC to be deemed financially stable, Malae said they have to settle all outstanding accounts receivables and all customer disputes are settled fairly and quickly. In addition, prompt collection, enforcement of disconnection of delinquent accounts, and an improved billing system are needed.

CUC has been in a state of emergency since 2008 due to its poor condition and services. This is expected to be lifted once all requirements of the stipulated orders are satisfied.

The federal government has given the CNMI until November 2011 to address all concerns raised in the two stipulated orders. For SO2 alone, CUC has to comply with 33 requirements.

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Rotary urged to pursue bigger projects, attract younger members

By CLARISSA V. DAVID
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REPORTER

Rotary International District 2750 governor Katsuhiko Tatsuno urged Saipan Rotarians to come up with a strategic plan and work more on bigger projects to enable Rotary Clubs to go in the direction that it should be going.

Tatsuno, assistant governor Joe Rios, and vice secretary Hideyuki Suzuki served as guest speakers during Rotary Club of Saipan's meeting yesterday at Giovanni's Restaurant at Hyatt.

During his address, Tatsuno quoted George Bernard Shaw, a famous British writer, who said, "Where have the Rotarians gone? They have gone



CLARISSA V. DAVID
Saipan Rotary Club president Glen Perez, third from left, hands a check worth \$3,500 to Gabriel White of the Basketball Association of Northern Mariana Islands during yesterday's meeting at Giovanni's Restaurant. Joining them are, from left, secretary Victoria Concepcion, White, Perez, Rotary International District 2750 governor Katsuhiko Tatsuno, assistant governor Joe Rios, and vice secretary Hideyuki Suzuki.

for lunch."

Tatsuno said Rotarians should make contribution to the local society to enhance Rotary's reputation, which will result in more members and a bigger contribution to the community. "We can keep creating a virtuous cycle," he added.

Tatsuno, who is from the Rotary Club of Tokyo West, said Rotary Clubs should work on recruiting high-level members and donating to the Rotary and Yoneyama Foundations to serve society.

He also encouraged the club to reduce the annual membership fee to encourage young professionals to serve as "main characters of the club."

PTI pays \$90K to settle FCC probe

» 'Settlement not an admission of non-compliance'

By MONETH G. DEPOSA
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REPORTER

The Federal Telecommunications Commission released Tuesday an eight-page consent decree order indicating a settlement of \$90,000 by PTI Pacifica Inc. to end an FCC probe into PTI's alleged delay in implementing wireless number portability—the ability of cell phone users to retain existing telephone numbers when switching from one telecommunications carrier to another.

The order, however, emphasized that the consent decree does not constitute an admission of noncompliance on the part of PTI Pacifica.

"The parties agree that this consent decree is for settlement purposes only and that by agreeing to this consent decree, PTI Pacifica does not admit or deny noncompliance, violation or liability for violating the Act of the rules in connection with the matters that are the subject of this consent decree," the order added.

It said public interest would best be served by adopting the consent decree and ending the investigation.

The order states that both PTI and the FCC enforcement bureau agreed to terminate the investigation against PTI for possible violation of section 52.31 of the commission's rules on wireless-to-wireless local number portability, or LPN.

Under the FCC's LNP rules,

and make the mandatory luncheon meetings more flexible "if need arises."

Tatsuno also placed emphasis on Rotary's services by taking advantage of Rotary International networks as well as helping each other with health and work problems.

Rios talked about the visits they made to the places in their district or the Pacific Basin Group. He said the visit began in Chuuk followed by Pohnpei, Guam, then Saipan. Their last stop would be in Palau.

Suzuki, on the other hand, discussed the upcoming District Conference slated for Feb. 23-24.

The two-day event, which will be hosted by Rotary Club of Tokyo West, features luncheons, meetings, and presentations from different members of District 2750.

During yesterday's meeting, Rotary Club of Saipan president Glen Perez presented Gabriel White of the Basketball Association of Northern Mariana Islands with a \$3,500 donation to help the Saipan Rotary Club Youth Basketball League.

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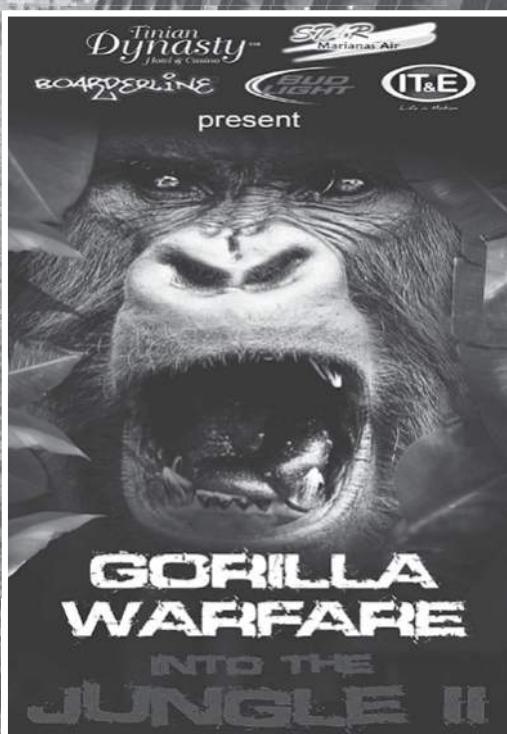
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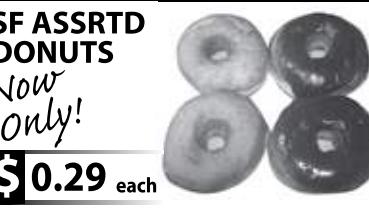
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GES PTA meeting today

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Early dismissal at MHS today

Marianas High School will have early dismissal at 1pm today, Nov. 18, 2010, for Report Card Day. The school will have an Open House from 3:30pm to 6:30pm on that day.

Counselors will distribute all report cards according to last names at the Counselor's Office. All teachers will be in their classrooms ready to assist any parent visitors or concerns.

The following will be included in each child's report card: SAT-10 results for 12th and 10th graders, Graduation Status letter (seniors and graduating juniors), and flyer for Parent Orientation for Saturday, Nov. 20, 2010. (MHS)

Cha Cha Ocean View report cards out today

The Cha Cha Ocean View Jr. High School will be having its report card night and PTSA meeting today, Nov. 18, 2010, from 5pm to 7pm. Cha Cha staff is encouraging all parents and guardians to join us in our first SY 2010-2011 report card night. For more information, call the school at 237-3921 or 664-4100.

KagES early dismissal tomorrow

Students of Kagman Elementary School will be dismissed early on Nov. 19, 2010, at 12pm. The purpose of the early dismissal is for the school's 1st Quarter report card distribution to parents and guardians from 1:30pm to 4:30pm in the children's respective homeroom teacher's classroom. All parents and guardians are encouraged to come in and pick up their child's 1st Quarter report cards, by meeting with their child's homeroom teacher and be informed about your child's learning

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Happy, happy birthday greetings going out to Myreikko Evangelista who is celebrating her birthday today, Nov. 18! Party like the rock star that you are! May you have a fabulous and glamorous day! Greetings coming out from all your girls!



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A happy birthday shoutout to Janica Lizama, who celebrates her birthday today, Nov. 18! May you have many more birthdays to come and we hope you enjoy your special day! Coming out from all your family and friends!



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Happy 18th birthday to Jane Denoso Arriola! You have grown into a beautiful young woman. May you have many blessings and love from those around you! Keep your wonderful smile on always! From the family and your sister Jemilyn.



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Belated happy birthday shoutout to Grace Enriquez, who celebrated her birthday on Nov. 17! Hope you had a great one! Greetings coming out from all your family and friends, most especially your Dolphin 2K12 crew!

progress. (PR)

Tricare town hall meeting set

This is to inform all Tricare beneficiaries and providers that there will be a town hall meeting on Saipan on Nov. 19-21. On Friday, Nov. 19, Alysha Pacheco from the Tricare Pacific office will be conducting training at 10am for Tricare providers in the CNMI at the Army Reserve Center. On Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 20-21, the town hall will be held at the American Memorial Park Museum and is open to all Tricare beneficiaries. Pacheco will be available after each town hall for those needing one-on-one assistance. For more information, contact Staff Sgt. Henry Pangelinan at 322-4167 or email henry.pangelinan1@us.army.mil. (PR)

Green flag for Managaha waters

The Division of Environmental Quality analyzed water samples collected from Managaha's recreational beaches and dock this week as part of the regularly scheduled sampling and none of the samples had excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria nor did they exceed the CNMI Marine Water Quality standards. DEQ assigned all sampled beach sites a green flag.

The division analyzed a total of 11 samples from the shore surrounding Managaha this week. For more information, contact DEQ at 664-8500. (DEQ)

MRCDC sets meeting/teleconference

The Marianas Resource Conservation and Development Council will hold an executive committee meeting/teleconference in Guam, Saipan, and Tinian on Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 23, from 5pm to 6pm. The public is invited. For island-specific location information or special accommodation for disability call (671) 472-7447. (PR)

New medical director on Marianas Agupa

This Saturday, Nov. 20, 2010, Marianas Agupa will feature Dr. Shirish Balachandra and Ed Diaz from the Department of Public Health, from 10am to 10:30am on Magic

100.3 FM. Topic of discussion will be on the ongoing flu awareness campaign.

The Chamorro Talk Show Program is hosted by Glenn H. Manglona. Featured reports are as follows: World report by former mayor Joseph S. Inos followed by special report from Rota with correspondent and commentator Thomas D. Mendiola from Rota and a report from Tinian by correspondent and radio commentator, former senator David M. Cing. Simultaneous Internet streaming via www.magic100radio.com will be available. (PR)

New schedule for MLSC visits to Rota, Tinian

Micronesian Legal Services Corp. attorney Dimitri Varmazis will be on Rota on:

- Thursday, Nov. 18, 2010
- Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2010
- Thursday, Dec. 16, 2010 and
- Thursday, Dec. 23, 2010.

Micronesian Legal Services Corp. attorney Linda Wingenbach will be at the MLSC office at the PM Building on Tinian on:

- Friday, Nov. 19, 2010
- Thursday, Dec. 2, 2010 and
- Friday, Dec. 17, 2010.

Those living on Rota and Tinian who want MLSC help may call the Saipan office (670-234-6243) for an appointment or walk-in and be served on a first-come/first-served basis on the dates of their visits. (PR)

Eucon student body to host sacred music concert

The Eucon International College Student Body will hold a sacred music concert on Saturday, Nov. 20, 2010, at the Agape Auditorium (facing the front gate) at 6pm. Tickets (\$5.00 each) are available at 234-3203/7 or any college students. It will also be available at the entrance on concert day.

The concert will feature piano, flute, violin, trumpet, traditional Chinese instrument, and the like. Sacred music and some Christmas piece will be featured. The students been practicing daily to please and satisfy the audience and to give glory to God.

The concert is part of the student body's fundraising to sponsor its activities. It is the group's second concert. The first one (classical) was held in April this year. We are inviting the public to come and join us. (PR)

Chamber seminar on FLSA compliance issues

This Friday, Nov. 19, the Saipan Chamber of Commerce will host a seminar presented by Patrick Candoleta, assistant district director for the Wage and Hour Division of the U.S. Department of Labor, on Fair Labor Standards Act compliance issues. Major provisions of the FLSA include coverage, minimum pay, overtime pay, youth employment, and recordkeeping. Equally important as complying with the FLSA is knowing if it does not apply to one's company or certain employees.

The seminar will be at Pacific Islands Club on Friday, Nov. 19. Registration will begin at 10am and the seminar will begin at 10:30am and will run until approximately noon. Buffet lunch is included. The cost is \$20 per person for members, \$30 per person for non-members. Call the Chamber office (233-7150) or email coordinator@saipan-chamber.com to make reservations. (SCC)

Open auditions for FoA production

Friends of the Arts announces its upcoming auditions for *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change*. Auditions are open to the general public, and will be held on Nov. 19, 6pm – 8pm, and Nov. 20, 3pm – 5pm at Hal Easton's classroom at Marianas High School: D-102. All ages welcome to audition. For more information, contact Frank Gibson at fligibson@yahoo.com. (PR)

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Nov. 18, 1999

22 firms bid for prison design

Twenty-two CNMI-based and off-island companies have submitted proposals for the architectural and engineering design of a new prison in Susupe which is scheduled to begin construction by early next year. Rep. Heinz S. Hofschneider, chair of the Prison Task Force, said the panel will start reviewing the offers on Nov. 24 and award the contract by mid-December. Solicitation for request for proposals ended last Monday, but the task force will have to wait seven working days before evaluating these offers to determine if they met the conditions stipulated in the RFP. "We have twenty-two applications and we anticipate competitive proposals," Hofschneider told reporters yesterday, adding that most of these came from off-island firms "because this is a very technical project."

Ex-CRM chief to be tried on Rota

Former Coastal Resources Management Director Felipe Q. Atalig, who has been accused of sexual harassment by CRM staff, will be tried in the island municipality of Rota, the Superior Court said yesterday. During a hearing, Superior Court Associate Judge Juan T. Lizama granted the request of Atalig's lawyer Michael Dotts to hold the trial in Rota citing economic reasons. Dotts explained bringing eight defense witnesses from the island municipality to Saipan would be costly. Atalig, the first senior official in the Commonwealth to be dismissed under the administration of Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio, has been charged with misconduct in public office, disturbing the peace and assault and battery based on a complaint filed by a CRM employee.

Nov. 18, 2002

Law requires NMC to keep lab school

Without proper legislative amendments, the Northern Marianas College may be found in violation of Public Law 9-53 or the Higher Education Act of 1995, if it pursues its plan to transfer its Laboratory School to the Public School System. Section 5 of the amended law authorizes the NMC "to establish, administer, and operate a laboratory school within the College for the purpose of teacher training." The law indicates that the NMC needs a model school or classroom to implement new teaching methods, techniques, and skills.

New Coke TV commercial celebrates life on the islands

A new made-for-Saipan Coke television commercial will be launched Tuesday and will air on local television very soon, Coca-Cola Beverage Company Micronesia announced. The new 30-second commercial, part of an advertising campaign titled, "Life Tastes Good," features all local talents, including a rare guest appearance of the men's national baseball team, the CNMI All-Stars. The commercial, which is expected to give the top selling softdrink a corporate brand push, attempts to depict island life in the Northern Marianas, as well as give a glimpse of its people, the local culture and the values the community holds dear.

Nov. 18, 2003

CHC still doing 12-hour shift for nurses

Lt. Gov. Diego T. Benavente, seated center, and Department of Public Health Secretary James U. Hofschneider, standing second right, pose with nurses led by acting CHC nursing director Remy Tudela, standing third left, and retired nurse Damian Kaipat, seated left, shortly after the Nurses' Week proclamation at the Governor's Office Monday morning. (Liberty Dones) Due to shortage in staff, the Commonwealth Health Center continues to place its nurses in a rigid 12-hour shift everyday. CHC acting nursing director Remy Tudela said that, ideally, staff should only be subject to an 8-hour shift. She said that CHC currently has 205 nurses, about 22 short than the minimum need.

Govt mulls salary increase for DPS, DPH

Speaking before the newly promoted police officers during a ceremony Friday, Babauta said the administration is closely working with the Office of the Personnel Management to study a salary restructuring procedure. Babauta said that included in the salary restructuring are the departments of Public Safety and Public Health, and the Customs and Immigration divisions. "We are working with the OPM to look into a salary restructuring method so that we can come up with a salary structure that is fitting for everyone," the governor said. He is hopeful that the method would commensurate the works and the responsibilities of officers who would be included in the restructuring.

Woman gets 7-year sentence for her third drug conviction

A woman who has two prior drug convictions was sentenced yesterday in federal court to more than seven years in prison for possession of "ice" with intent to distribute and for violating probation conditions, marking her third conviction.

Julita Sablan was immediately remanded into the custody of the U.S. Marshal's Service and now awaits relocation to a federal prison in the U.S. mainland pending designation by the U.S. Bu-



Benedetto

reau of Prisons.

In a statement issued yesterday by the U.S. Attorney's Office, it said the sentencing stems from a plea agreement entered into between Sablan and the federal government in which she agreed to plead guilty to possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine).

The charges stem from a seven-count superseding indictment that charged Sablan and co-defendant Roque Norita with drug conspiracy and

other drug trafficking crimes.

District Court for the NMI designated judge Mark W. Bennett sentenced Sablan to 70 months in prison for the offense of conviction and 15 months for violating supervised release conditions. The two sentences will be served consecutively for a total of 85 months—seven years and one month—to be served in a federal prison.

The case was investigated by agents from the Drug Enforcement Administration and was prosecuted by assistant U.S. attorney James J. Benedetto. (USAO)

Man'amko appear in Christmas music video

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REPORTER

Six congregates at the Aging Center have become instant celebrities, thanks to their participation and appearance in a Christmas music video.

Aging Office program coordinator Walter said the *man'amko* were featured in the music video he created for his original composition titled *Christmas Time is Here Again*.

They are Jesus Kiza, who

played the role of Santa Claus; Teddy Guiao and Sinchy Kapwich as backup dancers/entourage; and Teresita Sorroza, Ana Nakatsukasa, Meryalen Conrad, and Alejandra Blas who were involved in several scenes in the video.

Kapwich, who appeared on a music video for the first time, said he had fun filming the Christmas music video.

"My favorite part was dancing with the Santa Claus," said Kapwich.

The video sets off with a Chamorro message from Kiza, saying that everybody should celebrate Christmas and there should be peace in the world in this holiday season.

Manglona told *Saipan Tribune* that the music video was shot at the Aging Center sometime last week.

He said his composition will be one of the songs to be featured in the Christmas album compilation of the Rotary Club of Saipan.

Manglona said he already uploaded the Christmas music video on the video-sharing website YouTube.

According to Manglona, the YouTube version only shows about 80 percent of the video. He said the public should wait for the complete version once the Rotary launches the Christmas album.

To view the video, visit <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oXgAoFVYBBw>.

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In The Matter Of) FCD-AD-CIVIL
The Adoption) ACTION
N. I. S.) NO. 10-0507
Minor Child) AMENDED
By:) NOTICE OF
SONNY) HEARING
CAMACHO)
SABLAN)
Petitioner(s)

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Petition for Adoption for the above-named minor child by Sonny Camacho Sablan, was filed with the above-entitled Honorable Court and is open for review at the office of the Clerk of the said Court in Susupe, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

A HEARING of said petition for Adoption will be held at Guma Hustisia Building, Susupe, Saipan, NMI before the Honorable Kenneth Govendo on the 2nd day of December, 2010 at 1:30 p.m. in Courtroom 205A.

Bernadita A. Sablan
Clerk of Court

/s/ Deputy Clerk of Court

Torres' new local bill to set up a zoning code for Saipan only

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO
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REPORTER

Rep. Stanley Torres (Ind-Saipan) takes another jab at zoning, this time introducing a local bill to establish a zoning code for Saipan only. He said Rota has its own zoning code, and so should Saipan.

"The present statute is CNMI-wide, not Saipan only. This bill will repeal the zoning law in its entirety," Torres told his colleagues in Tuesday's session on Capital Hill, when House Speaker Froilan Tenorio (Cov-Saipan) asked for the intent of his local bill.

Torres, who has been critical of the Commonwealth Zoning Board and its decisions, introduced House Local Bill 17-30 or the Zoning Code of Saipan.

His local bill establishes a Zoning Office of Saipan, which

shall prepare a land use plan for review and adoption by Saipan legislative delegation.

The proposed office will be headed by a zoning administrator who serves at the pleasure of the board and whose position is funded under the Saipan Mayor's Office.

His introduction of this local bill comes a few weeks after the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation "filed" or killed his other bill suspending for six months the Saipan Zoning Law of 2008. He then introduced a new local bill rezoning 17 areas for them to become mostly "village commercial" areas.

The Commonwealth Zoning Board, led by chair Herminia Fusco, is opposed not only to the "filed" House Local Bill 17-1, but also to the newly introduced HLB 17-26.



**WEDDING
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Happy Wedding Anniversary to Ryan and Linda Taisacan! We wish you many more to come! Lots of love from your family!
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COURTESY VISIT

Pacific Basin Group district governor Katsuhiko Tatsuno, seated, PBG district vice secretary Hideyuki Suzuki, and PBG assistant governor Joe Rios, Rotary Club of Saipan president Glen Perez, president-elect Nel Matanguhan, secretary Vicky Concepcion and Rotarian Ken Kato pay a courtesy visit to acting governor Eloy S. Inos on Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2010.

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All bids shall be marked on their proposal marked "Filcomfound 1". Date of Bidding shall be by November 23, 2010, 9:00am at the same site at which time and place shall be opened and read aloud to all present contractors.

This project is already permitted by: Department of Public Works (DPW), Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and Department of Public Lands and Natural Resources (DLNR).

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
DPW11-RFP-001

ENGINEERING DESIGN OF BEACH ROAD/TUN SEGUNDO TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYSTEM, Project No.: CM-NH-0033(021)
Saipan, CNMI

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, through the Secretary of Public Works, are soliciting proposals for the Engineering Design of Beach Road/Tun Segundo Traffic Signal System on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This procurement will be made in accordance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations dated May 24, 2001. Proposal procedures will be in full compliance with §70.30.3-305 of the regulations. However, the project is funded under Federal grant, Article 7 Local Business Preference is not applicable.

Prior to being awarded a design contract, the firm or company must obtain a valid Certificate of Authorization (COA) from the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Board of Professional Licensing. Information about obtaining a COA may be requested from the Executive Director, at (670) 234-5897/5898 or fax (670) 234-6040.

The Scope of work will be available on or after **November 18, 2010** at the DPW, Technical Services Division located at 1353 Medinilla Avenue, Capitol Hill, Saipan. A Pre-Proposal conference is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. local time at the Department of Public Works conference Room 2nd Floor, Gualo Rai Commercial Building on **December 7, 2010**. Question regarding this RFP must be submitted in writing addressed to Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Acting Director of Technical Services Division by calling telephone numbers 670-234-9828/9838 or fax to 670-234-3547 no later than 4:30 p.m. local time **December 17, 2010**.

Proposers must submit with their proposal a Project Approach and Schedule of Completion which details how the work will be accomplished by the consultants, given the time requirements and resources available as identified in their proposals.

Proposers must also submit a separate of qualifications (resumes and experience). The total proposal submitted shall be no more than twenty-five (25) pages. Note that a firm which submits a proposal as a prime consultant *cannot* submit as a subcontractor or another proposal. However, only subcontractors may be included in multiple proposals by different consultants.

Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- 1. Qualifications of the principal(s) and assigned staff – 20%
- 2. Experience of the firm(s) on similar type projects – 20%
- 3. Project Approach – 25%
- 4. Schedule of Completion – 35%

Sealed proposals must be marked "DPW11-RFP-001". For proposers within the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of proposals must be submitted no later than 10:00 a.m. local time, December 21, 2010 to the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement & Supply, located at Lower Base, Saipan. Proposers from outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a "Notice of Intent to submit Proposal". Notices of intent must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time, December 21, 2010, and may be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@vpacific.net. Proposers from outside the CNMI must submit one original and five (5) copies of sealed proposals postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service of the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than December 21, 2010 AND must be received no later than December 31, 2010. Failure to submit the required number of copies may result in rejection of a proposal.

Discussions shall be conducted with at least three (3) of the firms regarding the contract requirements and technical approach and selection made there from, in order of preference, of no less than three (30) firms determined to be the most highly qualified to perform the services required. A contract shall be negotiated with the highest qualified Architect-Engineer firm at a price determined to be fair and reasonable to the government, factors such as the prices proposed by other firms responding to the solicitation shall be considered. If a fair and reasonable price can not be negotiated with the highest ranking qualified firm, then additional firms may be selected in order of competence and qualifications and negotiations continued until a fair and reasonable price is agreed upon. The Successful proposer will be subject to responsibility determination in compliance with Section 70-30.3-245 of the CNMI Procurement Regulations.

The project is federally funded and the award of the contract is contingent upon the approval of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

All responses to this RFP must take into account any and all taxes that will be charged to the proposer(s) including excise tax.

The government reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposal if, in its opinion would be in the best interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of the CNMI Government.

/s/ Martin C. Sablan
Secretary of Public Works

/s/ Herman S. Sablan
Director, Procurement & Supply

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EDITORIAL

Bailouts have worked

Former President George W. Bush chuckled when an interviewer told him that half of Americans believe President Obama created the bank bailouts.

"Fifty percent of the people were wrong, 'cause it happened on my watch," Bush said.

Exit polls from the midterm election showed that a significant number of voters wanted to punish Obama and Democratic candidates for the bailouts. That sentiment overlooks the timing of the government's emergency action—Bush initiated the \$700 billion Troubled Asset Relief Program for Wall Street in September 2008.

Voters' anger also ignores that Bush was right to take such unpopular steps as TARP and the auto bailouts. And lest anyone accuse this editorial page of writing positive things about Bush only after he left office, we credited him at the time with taking the necessary actions to avoid a broader economic meltdown.

Another fellow who supported the bank bailout was the new presumptive House speaker, Rep. John A. Boehner, R-Ohio.

Since autumn 2008, the economic rescue plans have largely proved their worth—especially TARP.

Bailing out Wall Street caused deep public resentment, in part because it was viewed as rewarding reckless behavior. But in the two years since, nearly all banks have paid back the money and the U.S. Treasury has earned at least \$25 billion on the program. As Bloomberg reported, that's enough to cover all farm subsidies nationwide for two years.

Two respected economists, Mark Zandi and Alan Blinder, estimated in a study that without the bailouts and the much-derided economic stimulus act of 2009, unemployment could have risen as high as 25 percent.

In a new book, Bush reveals that he decided to bail out General Motors and Chrysler even before they asked for help. He agreed to loan \$17.4 billion to the automakers. Obama later approved another \$60 billion, and placed both companies in bankruptcy for restructuring.

Ford, the only one of the "big three" automakers not to accept a federal handout, would have been imperiled if the other two firms had failed. Bush's economic advisers warned him that the immediate bankruptcies of all three could have cost another one million jobs, on top of a recession that ultimately cost more than eight million jobs.

Last week, GM reported a third-quarter profit of \$2 billion. Chrysler is improving but has yet to turn a net profit. The auto bailout's cost to taxpayers has fallen to about \$17 billion; the government could recoup more depending on how the firms' stock performs.

There are still huge losses to be borne by taxpayers. The insurance firm AIG received \$40 billion from the government, which is unlikely to get all of that money back. Housing-finance giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac will require at least \$120 billion more over the next three years, which could bring the total cost of their bailouts to more than \$360 billion.

The full cost to taxpayers for the banking and housing collapses can't be fully assessed yet. But two years later, the government's frantic rescue operations look even more necessary than they did at the time.

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Coconut madness

The ongoing debate over the *legalization* and/or *decriminalization* of marijuana is perhaps the best, most recent illustration of our society's vast undercurrent of bureaucratic hypocrisy. I for one am relieved to see that at least one local politician has the coconuts to put the issue on the table and dare to suggest that people have the right to "cultivate, possess, and transport marijuana for personal use" bar none. Putting aside the cash crop, revenue implications and the sheer madness of vilifying marijuana while we openly celebrate and promote the distribution of tobacco and alcohol, the idea of criminalizing the existence and use of a natural herb is simply absurd. Why should people have to go to jail for cultivating anything as common as a weed? You see, contrary to popular sentiments, the primary issue at stake is personal freedom—we're talking about a person's ability to put a seed in the ground and grow a plant, not some contrived weapon of mass destruction. The next thing *they'll* be telling us is that our traditional, herbal medicines are morally wrong—they too are mostly harvested from plants that grow in our soil. You see, cultivation of medicinal herbs and other plants is an inherent right and a way of life for most islanders...some of us still believe in the natural healing powers of Mother Nature.

The notion that marijuana poses some kind of threat to the moral fiber of our society is ultimately as ridiculous as suggesting that betel nut or coconuts do the same. Yeah that's right, I said coconuts...the mainstay of island living, but also the unwitting source of a great buzz in *faluwa* (*tuba*), the other natural high if you will. Betel nut also generates another kind of high. So, if it's the buzz that we fear and the primary argument against marijuana, then why not criminalize the cultivation, possession and transportation of coconuts? Maybe someone should introduce "An Act to End the Coconut Madness." Ridiculous, right? You see none of us would presume to support a ban on coconuts or betel nut simply because it can be intoxicating. Yet, despite the fact that marijuana grows as naturally as any coconut tree and regardless of the documented benefits of marijuana, our society maintains that possessing it is a jailable offense.

Whether common knowledge or not, marijuana has long been a crutch for numerous people with various types of disabilities, including our own local elders. For some, it serves as the only accessible alternative to overpriced painkillers and/or appetite enhancers in the wake of an often debilitating and painful fight against cancer. Not everybody can afford expensive prescriptions, but just about anybody can water a plant. Others find it therapeutic and calming in the storm of a turbulent psychological breakdown, again as an alternative to artificial doses of overpriced psychotropic drugs. Beyond that, there is available literature on the benefits of marijuana for patients with multiple sclerosis and AIDS. If allowed to cultivate their own, people could avail of these benefits for free. To be sure, there are some indisputable, detrimental effects of marijuana, including

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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but not limited to negative effects on short/long-term memory as well as other effects similar to those resulting from alcohol usage. But the point is not everyone will use marijuana just because it's legal. The same is true for tobacco and alcohol. It is and should be a personal choice without fear of incarceration.

As for the politicians and their recent deliberations on the issue, any watered down version of a legalization bill restricting marijuana to "medicinal use" only (i.e., prescriptions from a doctor and RX manufactured pills) is little more than a new link in the ever-tightening chain of restraints at the hands of big government and powerful pharmaceutical companies. Why do we need permission from *them* and why should we have to pay *them* for something we can cultivate and harvest for ourselves, if we so choose?

Finally, on the myth that the CNMI stands to lose millions of dollars in federal grant funding if marijuana is decriminalized, well it's just that, a myth. Eliminating a criminal statute on the possession and use of marijuana has no bearing on an employer's right to establish and implement policies for a drug-free workplace in accordance with required assurances. In other words, even if marijuana were legal, employers receiving federal funds do not have to allow its use by its employees; in fact, they can bar it as a condition of employment.

"Things are not the way they used to be—I won't tell no lie. One and all have got to face reality now. I try to find the answers to all the questions they ask though I know it's impossible. There is a natural mystic blowing through the air. You can't keep 'em down. If you listen carefully you will hear... 'bout the natural mystic blowing through the air" (Bob Marley).

For more on issues relating to the needs of individuals with disabilities, please contact the NMPASI Office at (670) 235-7273/4 [voice] / 235-7275 [fax] / 235-7278 [tty] or contact us on-line at www.nmpasi.com.

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Step up

"All that is required for evil to prevail is for good men to do nothing."—Edmund Burke

Many have wondered why my sweet wife's face and name have not been attached to the articles written in the past few months. Since the names of the final two candidates for the president of the Northern Marianas College have been made public, I feel I can now share the reason. I considered applying for the position several months ago and I decided to write some articles that applied to the college. We felt that it would be best that the public understand that the articles expressed my personal views. Janel still provides input and suggestions, but I am ultimately responsible for what is said.

As the college was hit with multiple challenges prior to the position announcement, I did a careful analysis of the situation and even used a formal decision matrix to evaluate the alternatives. Basically, the choice boiled down to developing an Internet-based business that has the potential to be very lucrative and once set up would only require a few hours per week, which would allow me to spend time with my young family and continue teaching—which I love to do.

The other option was to do something that will be extremely challenging, is very stressful, has an uncertain outcome, will require a huge sacrifice of my family as I give 100 percent to turn things around at the college, but it could be very fulfilling to collectively work with extraordinary people in the CNMI to fully realize the mission of the college and provide a better life for the students and community that I love.

It basically boiled down to either preparing a life raft for my family and me to safely float away if things get too bad here, or staying with the ship through thick or thin and use my management experience to get everyone to work together to not only steer the college to safety, but position it for sustainable growth. From a purely objec-

tive and analytical perspective the first choice garnered a lot more points on my decision matrix; however, I could tell that Janel was not convinced, and down deep I knew what was the right thing for me to do. So four days before the deadline I emailed some friends to provide letters of recommendation and to be references, put my packet together and submitted it.

I mention this because I believe there are many people in the community who are deeply concerned about our current situation in the Commonwealth and have started to not only become more vocal, but are taking steps to make a difference. They are doing this not for personal gain or ambition, but because they care about what's happening and believe that there are viable solutions other than just waiting to hit rock bottom.

It will take individuals who are willing to step up to the challenges we are facing if we are to make it through these trying times successfully. Who are they? It should be our elected leaders and people hired in positions of responsibility. It must be our business leaders who have invested their money and time into businesses they want to become more profitable. It could be anyone who is willing to do whatever it takes to turn this beautiful island community into the paradise it can still become for everyone who lives here and visits.

These individuals (you) are the ones that will make a difference. It will take thinking beyond your own personal interests and embracing the bigger picture in order for you to know what decisions are best. It may require making some personal sacrifices now so we can have a stronger and more vibrant future.

A few weeks ago I returned home from an all-day planning conference that was held by the college and read this email from Janel. This summarizes why I've applied to become the president, it inspired me to write this article, and hopefully it will prompt you to take personal responsibility to make a difference in your life, your family, business, job, and community.

By RIK VILLEGAS

Special to the *Saipan Tribune*



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"Just a note to say I love you and that I am thankful that you are one of the ones standing up to help get us through tough times. It is interesting to watch who is emerging as our community is getting hit hard by pride. I read the paper and the voices that we are hearing cry out, I believe, are our future leaders. This storm the community is facing may very well prove to be a weeding out of old dogmatic ways and bring proven methods, that are old but tried and true, to our rescue. No matter who is chosen, you have made me proud that you have sacrificed your wants for the betterment of others! I love you and hope you have a great day!"

You see, I feel I'm a winner either way because I have the confidence and support of my wife, family, and friends and in their eyes I have stepped up to do what I feel is right. The Board of Regents now has the difficult decision to choose the next individual who will lead the college. The new president will face some very serious challenges that could make or break the institution. I know the Board will make the best decision for the future of the college, whoever is chosen.

I hope that you will step up to the challenge and be a part of the solution and not a part of the problem. There is still time to improve our situation in the Commonwealth, but it will require more good people who are willing to face our many challenges. We have it within ourselves to turn things around, if we are willing to step up.

China's rise in the Middle East

By DAVID SCHENKER and CHRISTINA LIN
LOS ANGELES TIMES

Turkish Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoglu was in China this month touting the "new cooperation paradigm" between Ankara and Beijing. Just a week earlier, a top political adviser to Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao spent five days in Syria signing deals and planting olive trees in the Golan Heights. The Middle Kingdom, it seems, is planting deep roots in the Middle East these days.

The reach of the People's Republic is far and wide, extending from the Far East to Africa to Latin America, and its interest in the Middle East is neither new nor surprising: China gets more than a quarter of its oil imports from the Persian Gulf and has billions invested in Iran's oil sector. Recently, though, Beijing appears to be making greater headway, a development fueled by Washington's creeping withdrawal from the region.

Starting in the 1990s, China filled a void in Syria left by a decaying Soviet Union, providing the terrorist state with a variety of missiles. Today, Syrian President Bashar Assad is fulfilling his 2004 pledge to "look East" toward Asia to escape the Western hold on the Middle East. In addition to serving as an ongoing and reliable source of weapons, China has invested heavily in modernizing Syria's antiquated energy sector.

More striking, however, has been Beijing's rapid inroads with the Islamist government in Ankara headed by Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan. In October, Wen was the first Chinese premier to visit Turkey in eight years. Erdogan and Wen inked eight deals, in-

cluding an agreement to transform the ancient SilkRoad into a "Silk Railway" linking China and Turkey.

Of more concern than the budding economic relationship, however, is the nascent military relationship between NATO partner Turkey and China. The most recent manifestation of these ties was the unprecedented inclusion in October of Chinese warplanes in the Turkish military exercise Anatolian Eagle, maneuvers that previously had included the U.S. and Israel.

Although Turkey reportedly left its modern U.S.-built F-16s in their hangars during the exercises and instead flew its F-4s, which the U.S. Air Force retired from service in 1996, the damage was done. Chinese participation in the exercise exacerbated the already extant crisis of confidence between Washington and its NATO partner. The joint announcement in October that China and Turkey had formally upgraded their bilateral relationship to that of a "strategic partnership" only makes matters worse.

Beijing did not choose Iran, Syria and Turkey as the focal point of its regional "outreach" by accident. These northern-tier Middle Eastern states all have complicated if not problematic relations with the United States and increasingly close ties with one another. To complement this triumvirate, China appears to be looking to Iraq as the next target of its charm offensive.

China is the leading oil and gas investor in Iraq, and it is paying millions to protect its investment there. That's not surprising since Iraq has the world's largest known oil reserves. China has also purchased extensive goodwill with Baghdad by forgiving \$6 billion to \$8 billion in Iraqi debt accrued during the Saddam Hussein era. And Beijing has gotten in on the sale of weap-

ons—worth in excess of \$100 million—to the new government in Baghdad.

Given China's extensive presence throughout the world—attributable at least in part to the fact that its foreign policy is devoid of moral concerns—it is unrealistic to expect that Washington could have somehow excluded Beijing from the Middle East. Indeed, the very absence of considerations other than national interest makes China an appealing partner to states in a region where authoritarianism is rife. Some Mideast states also likely view China as useful counterbalance against the West.

What is of concern, however, is that the rapid rate of Chinese progress occurs amid a growing regional perception that the United States is withdrawing from the Middle East.

Although China holds a significant portion of U.S. debt, and trade relations are strong, at the end of the day the two nations are competitors—both strategic and economic—with profoundly differing worldviews. It may be that this great game will end with Washington and Beijing as allies. More likely, though, a modus vivendi will emerge between the two powers. Until then, Washington should work to strengthen its remaining regional allies and reestablish a presence in the region. Absent this kind of renewed commitment, China will continue to expand its footprint, sowing the seeds of a new and even less advantageous strategic role in the Middle East for the United States.

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Letter to the Editor

What is video lottery terminal gambling?

First of a series

The definition directly from Wikipedia: A video lottery terminal or VLT is a gaming machine that allows gamblers to bet on the outcome of a video game. A VLT is similar to a slot machine, except that it is connected to a centralized computer system that determines the outcome of each wager using a random number generator. Although the outcome of each wager is random, VLT operators are able to program in advance the total amount and number of payouts that its central computer system will allow at its connected VLTs. In this manner, VLTs can be thought of as

computerized scratch-off lottery tickets.

So far Delaware, Iowa, Louisiana, Montana, New Mexico, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Dakota, West Virginia, Nevada, New Jersey, Illinois and Connecticut permit some form of VLT gambling in conjunction with casinos, racetracks or some form of "off-track" betting. All are highly regulated. Several additional states allow VLTs and/or "slots" alone.

Most VLTs have come into existence since 1997 and there are currently just over 75,000 VLTs in the United States that yield about \$142,000,000,000 (that's billion!) per year!

This all begs the questions: How has the authorization for this type of gambling come into being in the CNMI? Are current slot-machine authorizations sufficient to allow this type of expansion? What about public hearings? What kind of "regulations" are being written (supposedly by the OAG)? Does this expansion need legislative authority (in most states, it *does*)? What will be the distribution of proceeds? How will they be used? Who will they benefit? Will the public in the CNMI simply allow themselves to be told what will happen, or will they

demand a voice in it? What is the expected "takeout" for the CNMI? For the operators? Has any research been done specifically for the implementation of VLT gambling in the CNMI? What about "cross-border" activity and "substitution" effects? What is the expected "social cost"?

Well, we will explore these questions and others in the next few articles. Meanwhile, for those of you interested enough, a very good analysis of this and much more can be found in the "Legislators' Guide to Video Lottery Terminal Gambling" published by the Department of Legislative Services, Office of Policy Analysis in Annapolis Maryland (2004). I will be using much of that information in these articles and credit is given to that agency as well as Government Accounting Office reports and National Academy of Sciences reports as well as individual State reports on their gambling activities. None of the information I intend to present is of my own personal opinion.

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 15 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

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Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thundershowers	▲ 88 ▼ 80
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲ 87 ▼ 77
Yap	Rain	▲ 89 ▼ 77
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲ 82 ▼ 79
Pohnpei	Rain	▲ 84 ▼ 73
Kosrae	Showers	▲ 88 ▼ 74
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲ 85 ▼ 75

Around The Globe

Auckland	Partly Cloudy	▲ 70 ▼ 57
Beijing	Sunny	▲ 56 ▼ 33
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	▲ 81 ▼ 57
Honolulu	Showers	▲ 80 ▼ 69
London	Showers	▲ 52 ▼ 44
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲ 71 ▼ 52
Manila	Thundershowers	▲ 87 ▼ 75
Melbourne	Sunny	▲ 68 ▼ 50
Miami	Showers	▲ 83 ▼ 63
New York	Mostly Sunny	▲ 57 ▼ 39
Osaka	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 61 ▼ 47
Paris	Showers	▲ 52 ▼ 42
Pusan	Showers	▲ 60 ▼ 49
Rome	Showers	▲ 65 ▼ 49
Salem	Showers	▲ 47 ▼ 40
San Francisco	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 66 ▼ 53
Seoul	Cloudy	▲ 53 ▼ 37
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	▲ 61 ▼ 48
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	▲ 60 ▼ 42

Tides

Saipan Harbor		
5:43 AM	Today	High Tide: 1.5 Feet
11:06 AM	Today	Low Tide: 0.9 Feet
4:52 PM	Today	High Tide: 1.8 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	6:20 AM	5:44 PM	Today	3:05 PM	3:04 AM
Friday	6:20 AM	5:44 PM	Friday	3:44 PM	3:53 AM
Saturday	6:21 AM	5:44 PM	Saturday	4:27 PM	4:44 AM
Sunday	6:21 AM	5:44 PM	Sunday	5:14 PM	5:37 AM
Monday	6:22 AM	5:44 PM	Monday	6:05 PM	6:33 AM

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SAIPAN-GUAM			GUAM-SAIPAN				
C09317	4:25am	5:15am	Daily	C09316	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
	7:55am	8:45am	3, 6	C09596	6:35am	7:25am	3, 6
C09313	8:30am	9:20am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7	C09596	7:00am	7:50am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C09601	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7	C09600	10:05am	10:55am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C09603	3:05pm	3:55pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7	C09602	1:40pm	2:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09605	6:20pm	7:10pm	Daily	C09604	5:00pm	5:50pm	Daily
C09599	9:30pm	10:20pm	Daily	C09606	8:00pm	8:50pm	Daily
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)			NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN				
DL287	6:10am	8:45am	Daily	DL298	10:25am	3:05pm	Daily
DL285	6:40am	9:15am	Daily	DL286	3:50pm	8:25pm	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:15pm	Daily	DL288	8:00pm	12:30am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)			BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN				
0Z608	3:20am	6:50am	1, 5	0Z607	9:10pm	2:20am+1	4, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)			SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN				
0Z604	2:10am	6:00am	1	0Z605	9:00am	2:20pm	2, 4, 6, 7
0Z604	2:40am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	0Z603	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
0Z606	3:20pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7	0Z603	8:10pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)			SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN				
FM844	2:50am	5:40am	2, 6	FM843	7:15pm	1:50am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)			MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN				
0Z604/701	2:10am	11:50am	1 via ICN	0Z704/605	12:10am	2:20pm	2, 4, 6, 7
0Z604/701	2:40am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7				via ICN
				DL172/286	7:55am	8:25pm	Daily via NRT
				C0890/9606	10:55am	8:50pm	3, 6 via GUM
				0Z702/603	1:10pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
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Business

New ownership, new look for Chalan Kanoa Beach Hotel

» Restaurant Five-O grand opening set for Nov. 19

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Chalan Kanoa Beach Hotel, formerly one of the smaller hotels on island, is set to take Saipan by storm under its new management.

This bold attempt to breathe new life into the 20-suite, eight-garden room hotel is the work of Ken Mitsusune, an internationally trained hotelier and business owner.

Mitsusune and his Japanese partner took over the ownership of Chalan Kanoa Beach Hotel on Sept. 1, effecting changes in the hotel to bring it up to standards.

When Mitsusune arrived on Saipan in August, he saw right away the potential of the modest hotel. "This is the place on Saipan... A lot of famous people stayed here," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

Although the potential was there, the hotel could best be described as having already seen better days. "When we came in here, this place was rundown and neglected for a long time," revealed Mitsusune.

At a time when businesses remain in limbo due to the depressed economy, Mitsusune remains optimistic. "Economy doesn't matter. It's not that important as long as you have a vision and your product is right," he said.

Mitsusune has a crystal-clear vision for the hotel: to transform it into a high-quality boutique hotel that provides "exceptional service with island flair."

"My vision for this hotel is to be the ideal place where a guest can relax, whether tourists or locals. There's no hotel like this on the island. When you come here, I want you to relax, enjoy the sunset, have some drinks, get a nice lunch or dinner at the terrace. There has to be that kind of place here on Saipan and that's what I want to do," he said.

Since the first day, Mitsusune and his team have worked hard to upgrade the hotel, its amenities, and features.

Mitsusune believes the hotel will attract and appeal to their target niche market.

"People coming to Saipan, I don't think all of them want



Chalan Kanoa Beach Hotel

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the tennis court during the day.

Restaurant Five-O reopens

The revitalization of the Chalan Kanoa Beach Hotel precedes the opening of the S2 Dive Shop next month, the reopening of the tennis court by the end of the month, and the revival of the in-house restaurant, to be called Restaurant Five-O.

According to Mitsusune, the name of the restaurant was inspired by the renowned TV series *Hawaii Five-O*.

Mitsusune, owner of Tsukiji Fish Market and Restaurant in Ala Moana Center in Hawaii, said the restaurant concept is to bring in authentic local food as well as different international cuisines.

"I've thought about the different peoples and cultures on Saipan when I came up with the concept of Restaurant Five-O," he said.

Mitsusune maintains that they will use local ingredients and local produce at the restaurant as much as they can and offer authentic local food to all



The staff at Chalan Kanoa Beach Hotel

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their patrons.

Restaurant Five-O is set to open its doors to the community tomorrow at the Chalan Kanoa Beach Hotel.

Mitsusune said guests will appreciate not only the relaxed ambiance inside the restaurant or out by the poolside but also the wide array of culinary choices included in its breakfast, lunch, and dinner menus.

For breakfast, diners can indulge on macadamia pancakes or buttermilk pancakes with crushed macadamia nuts with butter, whipped cream, and fresh fruits. Omelet lovers can delight in mushroom, bacon & cheese omelets served with rice or toast bread and fruits. Restaurant Five-O will also offer authentic Hawaiian coffee.

Lunch or dinner will feature main dishes like Seafood Hot Plate, the Hawaiian Loco Moco, Chamorro Beef Steak, certified Angus beef sirloin steak, Beef Tinaktak or the Spicy Fried Noodle. Delectable appetizers include Hawaiian Poki, Shrimp Kelaguen, and Finger Fish and Chips. Soup and salad lovers



Restaurant Five-O

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also have a variety of selections to choose from.

"I understand that the Saipan community has a very interesting mixture: locals, Filipinos, Koreans, Chinese, Japanese. We would like to offer something different than other places. Come and see how we do it here

at Restaurant Five-O," urged Mitsusune.

With 12 food and beverage staff, Restaurant Five-O will open to the public daily, 365 days a year from 6:30am to 10pm.

For more information, visit Chalan Kanoa Beach Hotel or call 236-8400 or 7829.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Source: GM to expand IPO by 31 percent

DETROIT (AP)—Investor demand for General Motors stock has been so strong that the company will expand its initial public offering by 31 percent, to 478 million common shares, a person briefed on the sale said Tuesday. The move could make GM's IPO the largest in history for a U.S.-based company. If GM's sale of preferred shares is included, the offering could have a total value of \$21.6 billion, topping Visa Inc.'s \$19.7 billion IPO in 2008, according to the IPO tracking firm Dealogic. GM is expected to announce the final price of the IPO on Wednesday and shares will start trading the following day at a price of \$33 each, according to the person, who asked not to be identified because he is not authorized to speak publicly about the sale. Most of the additional shares will be sold by the U.S. government, said the person. A union health care trust would sell a small part of the additional shares, the person said.

Boeing: Still no timetable for more 787 flights

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—Boeing Co. said it's still not clear when it will resume test flights for its new 787, and an executive said in an interview that he doesn't know if the plane's first delivery would be delayed once again. Boeing has been flying six of the new 787s with a goal of getting certification to deliver the first one around mid-February. Those flights halted after the electrical fire forced an emergency landing Nov. 9. "I will tell you that we don't have a lot of margin in the flight test program," Randy Tinseth, Boeing's chief of marketing for commercial airplanes, said in an interview at the company's Roslyn, Va., office. "The airplane hasn't been flying for a week. We don't know when it will be resolved, so you can do the math." He said that the first delivery is still "nominally" scheduled for the mid-first quarter of 2011.



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Pilar and Joseph Lizama, center, are flanked by, from left Delta Air Lines' Chris Concepcion, Bank of Guam CNMI regional vice president Marcie Tomokane, Delta Air Lines' Esther Sound, and Bank of Guam branch manager Larry Phillip after winning "Bank of Guam Delta Skymiles® Balance Transfer Program" drawing. The program, held July through August 2010, encouraged credit card holders to transfer their balances to the Bank of Guam Delta Skymiles® Visa®. Each cardholder's name was eligible for a drawing to win a trip for four to Tokyo Disneyland, to include travel, hotel and Disneyland passes for three days and two nights.



LEADING INDICATORS

DOW

11,023.50
-178.47
-1.59%

S&P

1,178.34
-19.41
-1.62%

NASDAQ

2,469.84
-43.98
-1.75%

EXCHANGE RATES

In U.S. dollar terms

Australian Dollar	1.0166	Hong Kong Dollar	7.7530	Philippine Peso	43.6000
British Pound	0.6239	Indian Rupee	45.2840	Singapore Dollar	1.2971
Canadian Dollar	1.0078	Indonesian Rupiah	8,946.5	South Korean Won	1,129.475
Chinese Yuan	6.6378	Japanese Yen	83.1350	Swiss Franc	0.9843
Euro	0.7353	Malaysian Ringgit	3.1280	Taiwan Dollar	30.2570
		New Zealand Dollar	1.2926	Thailand Baht	29.8950

Nation

ACROSS THE NATION

Police: Idaho woman impersonated plastic surgeon

BOISE, Idaho (AP)—Police arrested a woman in Idaho's capital city after they say she impersonated a plastic surgeon and conducted breast exams on at least two women in local bars. Kristina B. Ross was arrested Tuesday and jailed on accusations of unlicensed practice of medicine. It all started earlier this month, when Boise police were called to a downtown medical office by employees of a licensed plastic surgeon. Police say the office was getting calls from prospective patients who wanted to see a Dr. Berlyn Aussieahshowna. But no doctor by that name worked at the office. Police got contact information for the women who had called, interviewed them—and then identified the 37-year-old Ross, who isn't licensed to practice medicine.

Conn. cops: Irate beau plows truck into bus, signs

STAMFORD, Conn. (AP)—Police say a Connecticut man enraged after a fight with his girlfriend took a box truck from work and crashed into more than a dozen vehicles, including a school bus carrying high school students. A nurse manager at Stamford hospital says the truck driver was hospitalized in critical condition and 22 others were treated for minor injuries. The *Stamford Advocate* reports that at least a dozen high school students and their bus driver were among the injured. Stamford police Capt. Brian McElligott says the truck driver "hit everything that could be hit," including parked cars, signs and parking meters. He was identified by police as a 30-year-old Stamford resident.

Minn. Catholic school deletes student editorials

ST. LOUIS PARK, Minn. (AP)—Editorials in a Catholic prep school's student newspaper about same-sex marriage and gay teenagers are sparking debate about free speech in Minnesota. Student-written opinion pieces in the newspaper at Benilde-St. Margaret in suburban St. Louis defended gay teenagers and criticized a DVD by Minnesota's Catholic bishops that denounced same-sex marriage. The editorials and the nearly 100 comments they generated were deleted from the newspaper's website over the weekend. The principal says they created confusion about church teaching and an intensity that made an unsafe environment for students. Some comments praised a gay student's courage for writing about his experience. Others said the editorials shouldn't have been published at a Catholic school.

Rangel guilty: House ethics panel rules misconduct

WASHINGTON (AP)—New York Rep. Charles Rangel, a longtime power in the U.S. House, violated its rules with financial misconduct, brought it discredit and will be punished, fellow lawmakers sitting as jurors ruled on Tuesday.

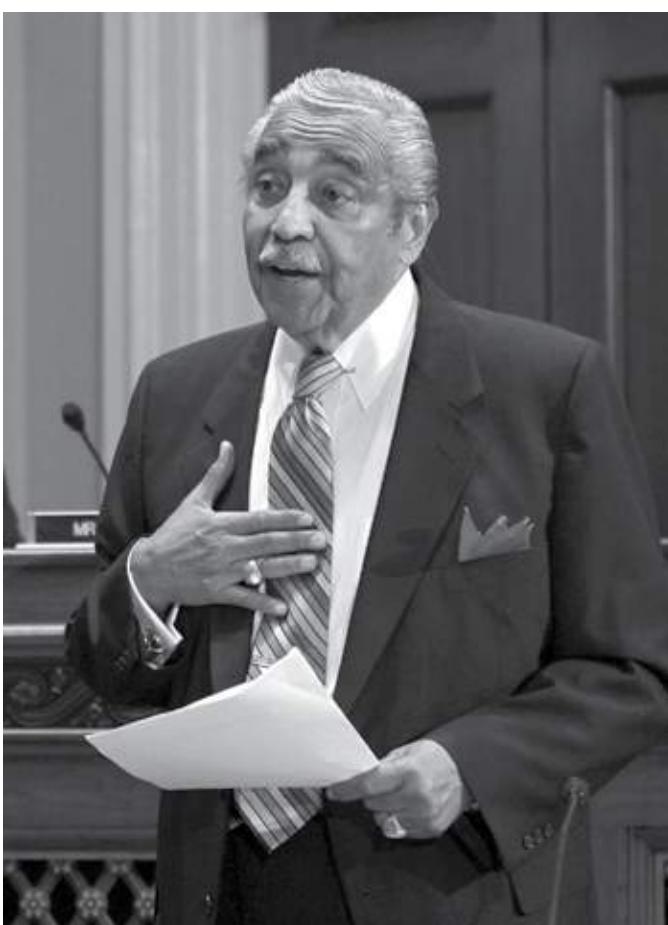
Protesting the enduring stain on his four-decade congressional career, the 80-year-old Democrat said he was treated unfairly for "good faith mistakes." His statement reflected the bitterness of an eight-month career slide, starting with an unrelated ethics ruling that forced him from his coveted chairmanship of the tax-writing Ways and Means Committee.

The conduct often cited by critics was his failure to report income to the IRS from a unit he owned in a Dominican Republic resort—showing the chairman in charge of tax legislation shortchanged the IRS.

Rangel, a founder of the Congressional Black Caucus, remains a political kingpin in New York's famed Harlem neighborhood and is unlikely to resign. He won re-election earlier this month.

Convicted on 11 of 13 charges of rules violations, his ordeal isn't finished.

The eight-member ethics panel that convicted him—four



In this Nov. 15, 2010 file photo, Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., appears on Capitol Hill in Washington before the House Committee on Standards of Official Conduct hearing.

Democrats and four Republicans—now will write what is likely to be a stinging report to amplify its findings. Then, the full House ethics committee will

conduct a hearing on the appropriate punishment for Rangel, the silver-haired, gravelly voiced and sartorially flashy veteran of 20 terms in Congress.

Possible sanctions include a House vote deplored his conduct, a fine and denial of certain privileges.

Rangel's downfall, in part, came in the way he solicited money for a New York college center designed as a monument to himself. There also was his decade of misleading annual disclosures of his income and assets and his use of a subsidized New York apartment—designated for residential use—as a campaign office.

The panel deliberated over two days before its chairman, Democratic Rep. Zoe Lofgren, made a bare-bones statement announcing the findings—leaving a full explanation for the upcoming written report.

The conviction was a fresh setback for Democrats who lost control of the House to the GOP in the midterm elections, support for Republican candidates' assertions of bad conduct.

At his one-day trial on Monday, Rangel was reduced to pleading for a postponement—arguing that his lawyers abandoned him after he paid them some \$2 million but could afford no more. The panel rejected his request, and Rangel walked out of the proceeding.

"How can anyone have confidence in the decision of the eth-

ics subcommittee when I was deprived of due process rights, right to counsel and was not even in the room?" Rangel complained on Tuesday. "I can only hope that the full committee will treat me more fairly and take into account my entire 40 years of service to the Congress before making any decisions on sanctions."

He called the panel's findings "unprecedented" because there was no rebuttal evidence. He complained that the rejection of his appeal for more time violated "the basic constitutional right to counsel."

Rangel, echoing a statement he made in August in a speech to the House, added, "Any failings in my conduct were the result of good faith mistakes." He said they were caused by "sloppy and careless record keeping but were not criminal or corrupt."

New York Gov.-elect Andrew Cuomo, a Democrat who attended Rangel's fundraiser in August while campaigning to clean up New York politics, said, "It's obviously a sad situation to experience."

"It's important that people have full faith in the integrity in public service, so it's painful to watch," Cuomo said Tuesday at a press event near Rochester. "But we'll see what happens at the end of the process."

Russian arms trafficking suspect arrives at NYC jail

NEW YORK (AP)—Russian arms trafficking suspect Viktor Bout was flown from Bangkok to New York on Tuesday in a chartered U.S. plane, extradited in manacles to face terrorism charges despite a final outraged push by Russian diplomats to persuade Thailand to release him, American authorities said.

Bout's extradition followed a bruising diplomatic tug-of-war between the U.S. and Russia that shows no sign of letting up and could jeopardize cooperation on arms control, nuclear weapons curbs and the war in Afghanistan.

A former Soviet military officer and air cargo executive nicknamed the Merchant of Death by critics, Bout (pronounced boot) had been accused of arming failed states and insurgents across the Third World since the 1990s.

U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder said Bout was considered "one of the world's most prolific arms traffickers" and stood accused of "conspiring to sell millions of dollars worth of weapons to a terrorist organization for use in trying to kill Americans."

"Viktor Bout has been indicted in the United States, but his alleged arms trafficking activity and support of armed conflicts in Africa has been a cause



Pelosi

"One thing the Republicans are very good at: They set goals, they set objectives and they set a way to get there," Rep. Luis Gutierrez, D-Ill., told reporters.

Pelosi, who is poised to move from House speaker to minority leader in the next Congress, got an earful Tuesday from some rank-and-file colleagues who said a party must change leaders when it suffers the type of losses Democrats absorbed on Nov. 2.

Rep. Allen Boyd of Florida was particularly pointed in his remarks, according to people present, saying Pelosi is the wrong person to represent Democrats as they try to rebuild.

But others defended the San Francisco liberal, and even her toughest critics said she is likely to be elected as House Democratic leader in Wednesday's closed-door elections.

Pelosi tries to soothe unhappy House Democrats

Carolina, said he knows he will lose the election to Pelosi but wants to make the case that, after a whopping defeat, it's not wise "to go back and put the exact same leadership into place."

House Democrats appeared to iron out enough differences to prevent a revolt by black members who wanted Rep. Jim Clyburn, D-S.C., to claim the party's second-ranking leadership post, called the whip.

Rep. Steny Hoyer of Maryland, a leader of moderate Democrats, will keep the No. 2 post, lawmakers said. Clyburn, the House's highest-ranking black member, is in line to be elected to a new position called "assistant leader," they said. Despite the new title, he will remain the House Democrats' third-ranking leader.

President Barack Obama has invited congressional leaders of both parties to the White House, a post-election session expected this week but now put off until Nov. 30. The White House said Tuesday that McConnell and House Minority Leader John Boehner, R-Ohio, expected to be the next speaker, asked for the delay because of scheduling conflicts in organizing their caucuses.

As humorist Will Rogers noted long ago, Democrats have a legacy of unruliness and discord. Tuesday's events offered scant evidence that the party will become more cohesive in the wake of its 60-seat House loss.

Shuler, for instance, showed no interest in mimicking the solidarity that House Republicans displayed during the past four years, when they voted unanimously or nearly unanimously against many high-profile initiatives by Democrats including Obama.

"It's very frustrating when I see everyone voting in bloc," Shuler told reporters, because Americans are diverse and crave bipartisan solutions.

of concern around the world," Holder said in a statement. "His extradition is a victory for the rule of law worldwide."

Thailand's government ordered Bout placed in American custody Tuesday, 20 months after his March 2008 arrest in a sting operation led by U.S. narcotics agents. Since then, the wealthy businessman—estimated by the U.S. to be worth \$6 billion—had been in a Thai jail.

Bout arrived late Tuesday night at the Stewart Air National Guard Base in Newburgh, U.S. attorney's office spokeswoman Edeli Rivera said.

Bout, wearing handcuffs and looking calm when he got off the plane, was given a helmet to wear before being put in an armored vehicle with about five other people. He then was driven from Newburgh, about 60 miles north of New York City, to downtown Manhattan's Metropolitan Correctional Center.

The MCC has housed the likes of Wall Street swindler Bernard Madoff and Gambino crime family scion John "Junior" Gotti and terrorism defendants including blind sheik Omar Abdel-Rahman, who was sentenced to life in prison for plotting to blow up five New York landmarks and assassinate Egypt's president.

Asia

China focuses on fire safety after blaze kills 53

SHANGHAI (AP)—China ordered tighter fire prevention measures Wednesday following a blaze that gutted a high-rise apartment building in China's business capital, killing at least 53 people, with dozens believed still missing.

Relatives were still searching for their loved ones, while authorities have not given any figures for the number of missing from the fire in a downtown neighborhood Monday afternoon. Shanghai's fire chief, Chen Fei, said firefighters searched the 28-story building thoroughly after the fire was put out and could not have missed anyone.

"Sleepless night for victims, every minute caught between hope and despair," said a headline in Wednesday's edition of the local newspaper Oriental Morning Post.

As might be expected of a weekday afternoon, many of those in the building at the time of the fire were retirees.



Chinese motorists pass by an apartment building in the background, which was damaged by fire in the downtown area of Shanghai, east China on Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2010. AP

ing sought after the fire, though there was no official confirmation of the information.

Police detained four unli-

censed welders who were working on "energy-saving" renovations when sparks from their welding apparently spread to bamboo scaffolding and nylon nets shrouding the building. The city's deputy police chief, Cheng Jiulong, said eight people had been detained, but did not identify them.

Chen, the fire chief, sought to deflect public outrage over the government's handling of the disaster, saying firefighters had done the best that could be expected given the height of the building and amount of flammable materials that caught fire.

"Fighting fires in high-rise residential buildings is different than for other buildings," he said. "Residential high-rises have more flammable materials and more sources for causing fires. They have metal security doors, so rescuing people can be very difficult."

The fire has heightened concern over the ability to cope with such disasters in this city.

of 20-plus million people, many of them living in its 15,000 high-rise buildings.

In a notice posted on its website, the Cabinet ordered authorities to improve fire safety and prevention, especially in the winter when widespread use of space heaters is an added risk. It named construction sites and high-rise buildings as areas needing extra attention.

Shanghai recently hosted the World Expo and is still in the midst of a construction frenzy that has brought new subway lines, highways and airport upgrades. The city is one of China's best-run, but its public services still lag far behind its often ultramodern infrastructure.

Unsafe building work remains a chronic problem in China. Last year, a nearly finished 13-story apartment building in Shanghai collapsed, killing one worker. Investigations showed that excavated dirt piled next to the building may have caused the collapse.

Hope fades in search of collapsed Indian building

NEW DELHI (AP)—Anna Halder sat on a patch of packed mud and dialed her cell phone Tuesday, clinging to the hope that her parents or sisters somehow survived under the wreckage of their collapsed apartment building and would pick up.

"It's ringing," she said. No one answered. She dialed again.

At least 66 people were killed and 73 were injured after the crude brick building crashed down in a congested New Delhi neighborhood. By Tuesday evening, as rescue workers continued to tear through the pile of broken bricks, twisted iron rods and concrete slabs, hope for finding more survivors was fading.

The building collapsed Monday about the time families were cooking dinner. Halder, 18, had not yet returned from her job as a housekeeper. Her working-class family, like millions of other migrants, moved to New Delhi hoping to get jobs in the growing Indian capital.

They, and many others from

West Bengal, found housing in the crude brick building in the Lalita Park neighborhood near the Yamuna River because it was one of the rare homes they could afford amid the skyrocketing real estate prices in the crowded city.

But the building was two floors higher than legally allowed, and its foundation appeared to have been weakened by water damage following monsoon rains. The soil near the river is too weak to support such tall buildings, New Delhi Lt. Gov. Tejendra Khanna said.

Poor construction material and inadequate foundations often are blamed for building collapses in India. In New Delhi, where land is at a premium, unscrupulous builders often break building laws to add additional floors to existing structures.

While the collapse was still being investigated, New Delhi's top elected official blamed poor construction and maintenance and vowed to punish

those who had allowed the extra floors to be built.

"The scale of the tragedy is unprecedented," Sheila Dikshit said.

The building's owner, Amrit Singh, was arrested Tuesday evening after fleeing the area, the Press Trust of India reported. Officials evacuated another of Singh's buildings next door, after finding its basement was also flooded.

When the building fell, residents said they heard a rumble like thunder. They sprinted to the site and tried to reach those inside by digging with their hands into the piles of concrete, bricks and mortar before police and rescue teams arrived.

"There were so many dead bodies, there was no movement at all," said Dil Nawaz Ahmed, a 25-year-old journalist who lives nearby. He said he managed to help free five injured residents, but mainly pulled out bodies, which he carried to waiting ambulances. "There were many women

and children."

Rescuers sawed through iron rods and shifted concrete with a bulldozer. Sniffer dogs searched out people. Ambulances parked nearby at the ready. Women crying over lost loved ones were led away.

Malti Halder was still waiting for information about her husband and daughter. She is was not related to Anna Halder; the name is common in West Bengal where many of the residents had come from.

"I did not find them at the hospital. I've been searching for them since last night but have not found them," she said.

M.D. Shahanawaz, a 23-year-old student, teared up as his hopes for a friend who lived in the building dwindled.

"He's dead," he said. "Everybody is coming out critical or dead."

When workers carried a body away from the site on a stretcher, nearby rescuers stopped what they were doing and clasped their hands together in respect for the dead.

RP to Malaysia: Replace peace broker

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—The Philippine government has urged Malaysia to name a new facilitator for Malaysian-brokered peace negotiations with Muslim rebels saying it will have trouble working with the current representative.

Marvic Leonen, the Philippine government's chief peace negotiator with the 11,000-strong Moro Islamic Liberation Front, said Tuesday a request was sent to Malaysia to replace its facilitator, Othman Abdul Razak.

The Philippines will have "difficulties" working with Othman, Leonen said in a statement.

The statement did not say why the government objected to Othman as a facilitator. Leonen wasn't immediately available for comment. Other officials previously involved in the talks said Othman was biased toward the rebels.

"We are certain that there will be many individuals who can effectively serve as facilitator and who will be acceptable to both sides," Leonen said.

The rebels objected to the government's demand and urged Malaysia to retain Othman, "to ensure continuity and preserve the gains of the peace process," a statement on their website said.

The rebels have fought for decades for self-rule for minority Muslims in the southern Philippines. In September the group's chief negotiator, Mohagher Iqbal, said it was no longer demanding independence and instead was seeking a status similar to a U.S. state.

Talks collapsed in 2008 after the Supreme Court rejected a preliminary accord with the government of then President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo that would have expanded an existing Muslim autonomous region in the southern Philippines.

After President Benigno Aquino III took office in June, both sides formed their new peace panels and have sought to resume talks but no date has been set.

Malaysia has brokered the talks since they began in 1997.

ASIAN BRIEFS

UN predicts NKorea's food shortage will continue

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—The United Nations says that a majority of North Korea's 24 million people will likely be without enough food next year unless there is outside help. The Food and Agriculture Organization and the World Food Program said in a joint statement Tuesday that the North's food production

this year showed only a marginal improvement over last year. The statement says the country's expected food supply shortage for the next year will be 867,000 tons. That's similar to previous years. But it says the North only plans to buy 325,000 tons of food for the period. The U.N. says North Koreans' expected cereal rations will be much below their needs. The U.N. agencies recently visited North Korea to look at the

food situation.

A380 investigators end search for missing parts

SYDNEY (AP)—Investigators have called off their search for missing parts of an A380 super-jumbo that fell off when an engine disintegrated in flight earlier this month. The Australian Transport Safety Bureau said Wednesday that significant parts of the turbine disc believed to be at the center of

the engine failure have not been recovered. One of four Rolls-Royce Trent 900 engines on the Qantas A380 blew apart on Nov. 4 shortly after it took off from Singapore, sending shrapnel through a wing and scattering debris across Indonesia's Batam island. Investigators have been combing Batam looking for clues but say thick jungle was hampering their search. The agency said it has now ended the search, but that anybody who finds

parts that might be from the plane should contact police.

Hundreds of fetuses found at Thai Buddhist temple

BANGKOK (AP)—Thai police have discovered hundreds of human fetuses dumped at a Buddhist temple's morgue in Bangkok, and suspect they came from illegal abortion clinics. Police Maj. Gen. Sumeth Ruang-

swasdi said Tuesday they were called to investigate a strong smell, and discovered the fetuses in plastic bags. They counted a total of 348. He said the fetuses must have been collected from abortion clinics and disposed of at different times, as their color and condition varied. The Nation newspaper reported that the temple's undertaker confessed to having been hired by several clinics to dispose of the fetuses.

World

WORLD BRIEFS

Guinea capital ethnically divided after results

CONAKRY, Guinea (AP)—A day after results from a contentious presidential election were announced, Guinea's capital resembled a divided nation. In neighborhoods dominated by supporters of the poll's winner, Alpha Conde, residents were dancing in the streets and hanging out of car windows, flashing a V for victory sign. Conde, who is ethnically Malinke and who was backed in large numbers by members of his own ethnic group, toured parts of the city that supported him with a jubilant impromptu parade. But elsewhere in the capital in areas dominated by members of the Peul ethnic group that supported politician Cellou Dalein Diallo of the same ethnicity, the streets were deserted and littered with bullet casings. Volleys of gunfire continued and security forces, who are mostly Malinke, brandished belts and leather ropes, using them to strike people. When they caught young men who had been throwing stones, they pounded them with night sticks and arrested them.

Colombia spurns US extradition for reputed narco

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP)—Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos spurned a U.S. request to extradite an alleged cocaine kingpin from Venezuela, saying Tuesday that the suspect will be sent back to face charges in his home country. Walid Makled, 41, has claimed close ties with Venezuela's socialist government and the U.S. State Department last year called him that country's "largest drug trafficker." The announcement drew fierce criticism from U.S. Rep. Connie Mack. The Florida Republican accused the Obama administration of "a complete dropping of the ball" in a case that would have "shined the light on a lot of bad behavior by Hugo Chavez and his government." Once Makled is sent to Venezuela, "I think that we will lose vital information," Mack said by phone from Washington.

Greece: 3 former ministers face land swap charges

ATHENS, Greece (AP)—Greece's parliament voted early Wednesday to indict three former ministers over a series of real estate deals between the state and a wealthy monastery, which blew up into a major political scandal. Lawmakers voted for the three ex-ministers who served in the previous conservative government to face charges of breach of faith. A proposal by the governing Socialists for similar charges to be brought against another two former ministers, also in office between 2004 and 2009, was rejected. All five former officials denied any wrongdoing, and accused the Socialists—elected just over a year ago—of acting out of political motivation.

Fate of Mideast talks in hands of polarizing rabbi

JERUSALEM (AP)—The future of the Mideast peace process could rest in the hands of one very undiplomatic man: an outspoken 90-year-old rabbi who recently sparked an uproar by saying the Palestinian president should "perish from the world."

The ultra-Orthodox Shas Party is expected to hold the swing vote when Cabinet ministers decide on a U.S. proposal to resume Mideast peace talks. The two Shas ministers participating in the decision are waiting for instructions from the party's spiritual leader, Rabbi Ovadia Yosef.

"All decisions go through the rabbi," said Roi Lachmanovitch, a spokesman for the Shas interior minister.

The drama has once again turned the enigmatic rabbi, who has managed to offend Arabs, secular Jews, Holocaust survivors, women and gays with fiery comments over the years, into the familiar role of kingmaker. Politicians from outside his party, including Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, are now lobbying for his support.

Officials in Netanyahu's office said Wednesday that his 15-member Security Cabinet—a group of senior government ministers—remains closely divided, with the outcome of the vote hinging on the two Shas members. Amid the uncertainty, Israeli officials said a planned vote for Wednesday had been put on hold.

Netanyahu spokesman Gidi Schmerling said the Israelis were still waiting



Rabbi Menachem Froman, right, prays with Muslim worshippers during a joint Muslim-Jewish prayer for rain near a water spring in the West Bank village of Walajeh, Thursday, Nov. 11, 2010. AP

for a formal U.S. written proposal outlining the assurances before voting.

Netanyahu is under heavy American pressure to accept the U.S. proposal to freeze most West Bank settlement construction for 90 days in order to persuade the Palestinians to resume peace talks. The goal would be to lead to critical negotiations on Israel's final borders with a future Palestinian state.

In exchange, the U.S. is promising Israel a list of assurances, including a

gift of 20 next-generation stealth warplanes and critical diplomatic support at the United Nations, according to Israeli officials.

Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat said there would be no formal reaction to the plan until it is formally presented during a meeting scheduled Wednesday with a senior U.S. envoy.

Palestinians say they will not resume peace talks until Israel stops building in the West Bank and east

Jerusalem—territory they claim as parts of their future state.

They agreed to join peace talks just weeks before an earlier, 10-month Israeli slowdown on settlement construction expired on Sept. 26. Those building limits were also intended to promote negotiations.

State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley refused to comment on whether the U.S. was willing to give Israel assurances in writing.

Haiti's cholera death toll grows, fueling violent protests

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP)—An outbreak of cholera has killed more than 1,000 people, the Haitian government said Tuesday as it sent top officials to the country's north in hopes of quelling violent protests against U.N. peacekeepers accused of spreading the disease.

As the barricades burned, the disease continued spreading across Haiti and potentially the island of Hispaniola. Authorities in the Dominican Republic reported their country's first confirmed case of cholera in Higuey, near the tourist mecca of Punta Cana.

The man was a Haitian citizen who had recently returned from a 12-day vacation in neighboring Haiti. The news alarmed Dominicans, but the spread of the disease is easily prevented with good hygiene and sanitation, and no locally originated cholera cases have been reported.

Haiti's police chief, the health minister and other Cabinet officials headed to Cap-Haitien, the country's second



largest city, where protesters erected barricades of flaming tires and other debris and clashed with U.N. troops.

At least two demonstrators died, one of them shot by a member of the multinational peacekeeping force that has been trying to keep order since 2004.

A U.N. World Food Program warehouse was looted and burned.

The cholera outbreak that began last month has brought increased misery to the entire country, still struggling with the aftermath of last January's earthquake. But anger has been particularly acute in the north, where the infection is newer, health care sparse and people have died at more than twice the rate of the region where the epidemic was first noticed.

The health ministry said Tuesday that the official death toll hit 1,034 as of Sunday. Figures are released following two days of review.

Aid workers say the official numbers may underestimate the epidemic. While the ministry of health says more than 16,700 people have been hospitalized nationwide, Doctors Without Borders

reports that its clinics alone have treated at least 16,500.

On Tuesday, during a second day of rioting throughout northern Haiti, local reporters said a police station was burned in Cap-Haitien and rocks thrown at peacekeeping bases.

In the town of Limbe, west of Cap-Haitien, the unrest carried through the night Monday as screams and chants filled the streets, said Beth Macy, a reporter for The Roanoke Times who accompanied a Virginia medical mission to Haiti. The group hunkered down in the hospital as protesters pelted the gate with stones, she said in a newspaper blog post.

President Rene Preval called for the violence to stop Tuesday as rumors circulated of possible Wednesday protests in Port-au-Prince. He said barricades were keeping people from getting needed care, and admonished that looting would not help stem the tide of the disease.

drawn their allegations.

"The alternative to any payments made would have been protracted and extremely expensive litigation," Clarke said, adding that the government could not be certain it could "defend the security and intelligence agencies without compromising national security."

Britain's spy agencies welcomed the settlement, saying open testimony from secret agents could have jeopardized intelligence-gathering. In a joint statement, Britain's domestic spy agency, MI5, and its overseas intelligence service, MI6, said the settlement would allow them "to concentrate on protecting national security."

UK agrees to settle with ex-Guantanamo detainees

LONDON (AP)—Britain's agreement to pay hefty settlements to former Guantanamo detainees who accused the government of complicity in their torture averts a protracted legal battle that could have compromised national security and disclosed sensitive U.S. intelligence.

The agreement, which came after months of legal wrangling, was a first official step toward distancing Britain from the interrogation tactics sanctioned by President George W. Bush during the U.S.-led war on terror. The

payout could prompt other former detainees to push for compensation in U.S. courts and elsewhere—even though Britain admitted no guilt.

Justice Secretary Ken Clark did not disclose the size of the settlement or who was involved, saying in his announcement to parliament Tuesday there was a binding confidentiality clause.

However, a British lawyer with knowledge of the terms told The Associated Press that at least seven former detainees—all British citizens or resi-

dents—would receive payments and one man would receive more than \$1.6 million (1 million pounds).

British spies were not accused of torturing detainees themselves, but former detainees alleged that British security services violated international law by knowing about the abuse and doing nothing to stop it.

Speaking to the House of Commons, Clarke said the government had not admitted any "culpability" in the settlement and the plaintiffs had not with-

Environment

DEQ's water quality updates and more on Facebook

Facebook users can get the latest news on water quality and more from the CNMI Division of Environmental Quality's Facebook page.

"Fans" of DEQ's Facebook are among the first to know which beaches are safe for swimming, and which water sources are safe for drinking. Results from DEQ's water quality lab, as well as news from other branches, are regularly posted on the page.

Each week the water quality lab collects water samples from around the island. These samples are tested for excessive bacteria levels that may pose threats to human health. Those

sites found to have unsafe bacteria levels are "red flagged." This means DEQ advises the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of a location for the next 48 hours or until notified.

DEQ also organizes monthly community events, such as beach cleanups and environmental film showings. Updates for these events are also posted on the Facebook page. Updates on the First Friday Films series are at www.firstfridayfilms-saipan.blogspot.com/

"Facebook is another great tool to get information out to intended audiences and to connect with our communities around the CNMI," said Frank Rabau-

liman, DEQ director. "We encourage more folks to use this page, as it contains important information critical to the health of our people and environment."

To connect to DEQ's Facebook page, simply type "CNMI Division of Environmental Quality" into Facebook's search option, click on the page and select "Like" under the DEQ logo.

According to data provided by Facebook, DEQ's page currently has a dozen regular visitors and nearly 50 "fans." The Division is reaching out current Facebook users in the hopes that people use the page to get important information. (DEQ)

Two Films, One Night!

Coming up on Friday, Dec. 3, at 6:30pm, First Friday Films will be screening two short films at the American Memorial Park Visitors center that highlight two threatened and endangered species here in the CNMI; the Fanihi (Marianas flying fox) and the Hawksbill seaturtle.

Fanihi: A Cultural Digest, a short film shot in the CNMI by Jonathan Fowler, discusses the complex issue that is the conservation of this import animal. The film examines the ecological role the Fanihi plays on our islands as well as the cultural importance it has with the Chamorro people.



blogspot.com/. (PR)

Home for Hawksbill, a short film by Jordan Plotsky, tells the inspiring story of how three distinctly different cultural groups in the Solomon Islands came together to help protect this endangered species. The film details how these communities went from hunting the turtle to localized extinction to providing a safe haven for the animal that mutually benefits all the groups involved.

For planning purposes, the two films combined have an approximate run time of about 50 minutes. As always, First Fridays Films is free and open to the public. Find more information at <http://firstfridayfilmssaipan.blogspot.com/>. (PR)

FIRST YEAR DEATH ANNIVERSARY

In loving memory of

Alejandro C. Tudela

"Ando Pakitu"

We, the family, humbly invite all of our relatives and friends to join us in prayers as we commemorate the passing of our dearly beloved unto eternal life.

Nightly Mass will be offered every evening beginning on Friday, November 19, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at the Santa Soledad Church in Kagman.

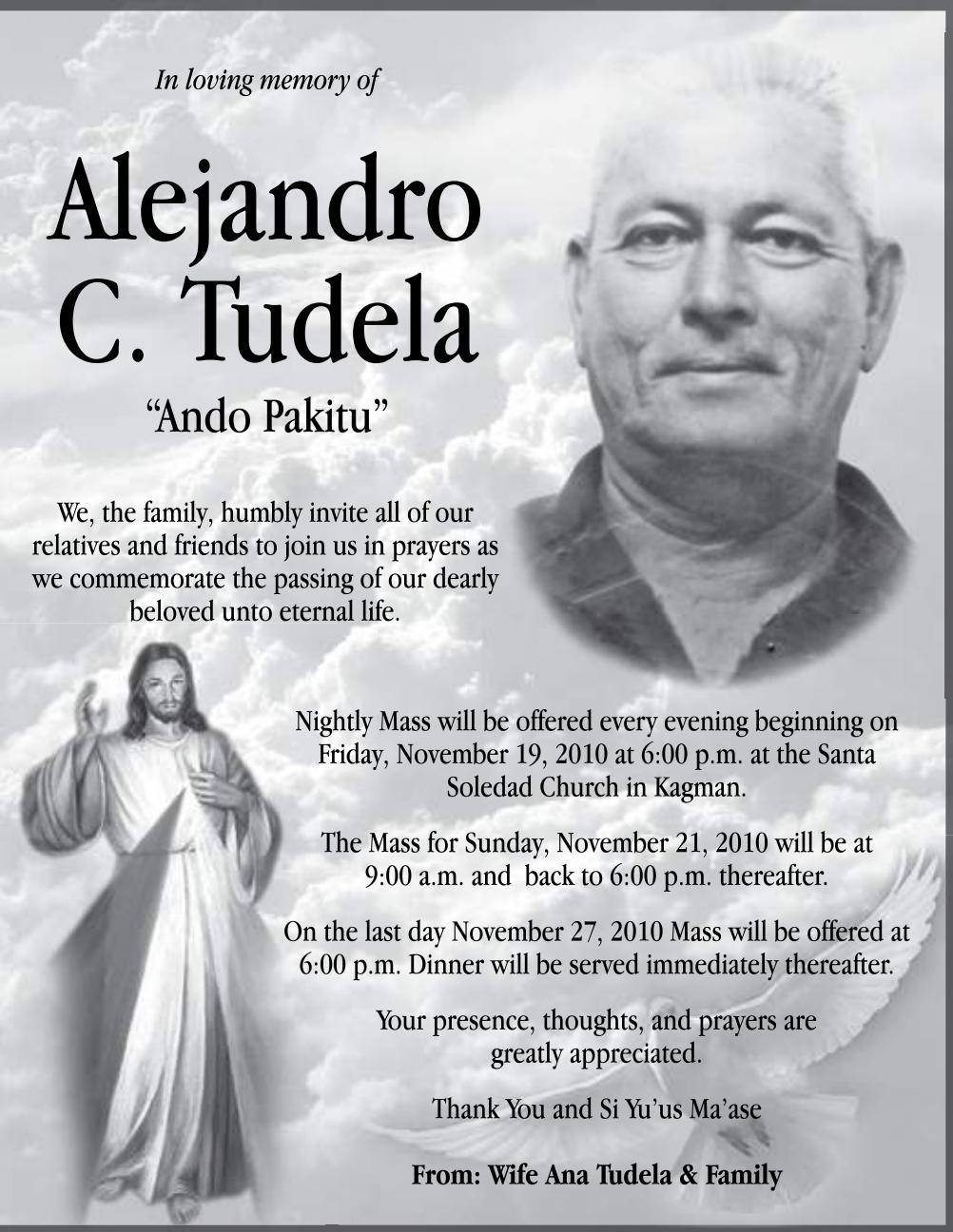
The Mass for Sunday, November 21, 2010 will be at 9:00 a.m. and back to 6:00 p.m. thereafter.

On the last day November 27, 2010 Mass will be offered at 6:00 p.m. Dinner will be served immediately thereafter.

Your presence, thoughts, and prayers are greatly appreciated.

Thank You and Si Yu'us Ma'ase

From: Wife Ana Tudela & Family



In Loving Memory of



Henoleen Santos Camacho

Lovingly known as "Lynn" and "Eno"

The family of Henoleen, would like to inform all friends, co-workers, and extended family that Lynn passed away on November 13, 2010.

Nightly Mass is being held at Santa Soledad Church in Kagman at 6:00 p.m. and will end on Wednesday, November 17.

Lynn was born on the beautiful island of Pohnpei on December 25, 1958. She traveled to many places where she joined her husband during his military assignments, raised a beautiful family, and settled in the beautiful village of Kagman on Saipan.

In her new life, Lynn now joins her:

Father: †William Nanpei Santos
Mother: †Elpihna Une Santos
Brother: †Welberson

Lynn is survived by her:

Husband: Edward C. Camacho
Children: Winfred (Kobe Jordan), Chinnelle, and Yolani

She is further survived and will be missed by her loving brothers, sisters, uncles, aunties, nephews, nieces, future "children-in-law," and very close friends who became "family" to Lynn at the many places she also called home.

Lynn's funeral services will begin at 7:00 a.m. on November 18 at the CHC Chapel. At 10:00 am, a Mass in her honor will be held at the Santa Soledad Church, followed by her flight to the island of Pohnpei for her final resting place.

Funeral services on Pohnpei will be in Dolonier and Rohn Kitti, beginning Friday afternoon on November 19, and ending on Saturday November 20, 2010.

Edward C. Camacho and Children

FIRST YEAR DEATH ANNIVERSARY



In Loving Memory of,

Edward Briggemann Flores

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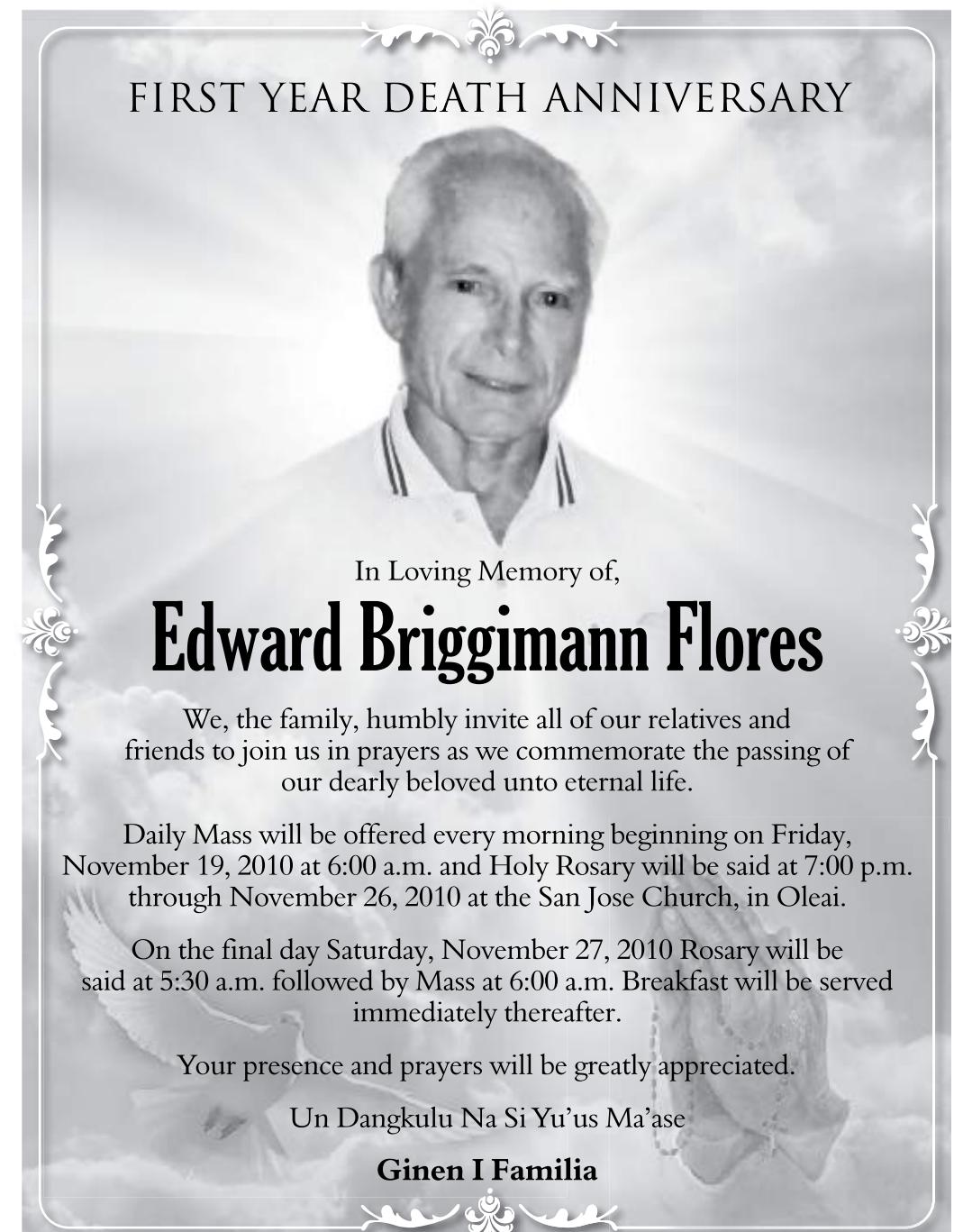
Daily Mass will be offered every morning beginning on Friday, November 19, 2010 at 6:00 a.m. and Holy Rosary will be said at 7:00 p.m. through November 26, 2010 at the San Jose Church, in Oleai.

On the final day Saturday, November 27, 2010 Rosary will be said at 5:30 a.m. followed by Mass at 6:00 a.m. Breakfast will be served immediately thereafter.

Your presence and prayers will be greatly appreciated.

Un Dangkulu Na Si Yu'us Ma'ase

Ginen I Familia



Life & Style

A royal wedding next year for Prince William, Kate

LONDON (AP)—Thirty years after the fairy-tale nuptials with the unhappy ending, Britain will finally have another big royal wedding: Its dashing helicopter-pilot prince—second in line to the throne—will marry the lovely commoner who may someday become queen.

Prince William and Kate Middleton bubbled with joy Tuesday evening in their first public appearance since the palace announced their engagement after more than eight years of dating. Their wedding will be next spring or summer.

In a poignant symbol for Wil-

liam, his betrothed wore the sapphire and diamond engagement ring that belonged to his late mother, Diana.

"I thought it was quite nice because obviously she's not going to be around to share any of the fun and excitement of it all. This was my way of keeping her close to it all," William said.

While the romance of the two 28-year-olds is the stuff that dreams are made of, it is no exaggeration to say that the future of the Windsor dynasty depends to no small degree on the success of their union.

"We're massively excited,"

William said in the televised interview that marked the first time they have spoken publicly about the trials and tribulations of their love affair, which dates back to their days as university freshmen. "We're hugely excited. We're looking forward to spending the rest of our lives together."

The interview reminded many of a similar TV appearance by William's parents, Prince Charles and Diana, shortly after they became engaged.

At that time, Diana seemed frightened of the limelight and withdrew; by contrast, Middle-

ton seemed at ease in front of the cameras. She said she wished she had met Diana, who died in a car crash in 1997.

"I would love to have met her. She's an inspirational woman," Middleton said as William looked on.

The royal wedding represents a chance for the Windsors to start anew. Middleton brings youth and glamour to a monarchy tarnished by divorce and scandal. There is already warm public support for William.

A strong, stable marriage—one that lasts decades and produces heirs—could go a long



AP

Britain's Prince William and his fiancee Kate Middleton pose for the media at St. James's Palace in London, Tuesday Nov. 16, 2010, after they announced their engagement.

way toward undoing the damage from the ugly squabbling and televised confessions of adultery that marred the final years of Charles and Diana's tortured marriage, which began on such a high note with their spectacular wedding in 1981.

"This is their chance to rejuvenate the dynasty," said Patrick Jephson, former private secretary to Princess Diana. "This is an opportunity for a welcome national celebration."

News of the engagement was greeted with enthusiasm—and relief—in Britain. Queen Elizabeth II and her husband, Prince Philip, said they were "absolutely delighted for them both," Buckingham Palace said. Prince Charles said he was "thrilled." Middleton's parents, Carole and Michael, also gushed.

"We all think he's wonderful. We're extremely fond of him," Michael Middleton said, standing near the couple's large house in the affluent Berkshire countryside.

Royal officials said that while Middleton is commonly known as Kate, her official name is Catherine Elizabeth. She will be named Queen Catherine if William, as expected, eventually takes the throne.

Middleton, in a royal blue dress that matched the engagement ring, said she had suffered when their relationship was in trouble—including a separation that left her unhappy—but that they had grown stronger in the years they've been together.

"You go through the good times, you go through the bad times," she said, promising to "learn quickly" in her new royal role.

William proposed during a vacation in Kenya last month and gave Middleton the oval blue sapphire surrounded by

diamonds from the jeweler Garrard that Charles had given his mother.

William said he carried the ring around with him for weeks as he sought the right moment to pop the question. Middleton showed the ring with obvious pride.

She described the proposal this way: "It was very romantic, and it was very personal."

The union has important implications for the monarchy's line of succession. Kate and William's first child would move ahead of his younger brother, Prince Harry, to become third in line to the throne.

Middleton acknowledged that being queen was "a daunting prospect" and declined to say whether the prince had gone down on bended knee when he proposed.

The two met as freshmen at the University of St. Andrews in Scotland, starting out as just friends but quickly becoming boyfriend and girlfriend.

"Obviously we both have a very fun time together, both have a very good sense of humor about things. We're down to earth ... and she's got plenty of habits that make me laugh that I tease her about," William said as he and Middleton faced photographers earlier Tuesday.

There is no firm date for the wedding, and the venue has not been specified. Speculation focused on St. Paul's Cathedral and Westminster Abbey.

It is not yet clear whom the elegant Middleton will choose as a dress designer, and the royal titles the couple will assume when they become man and wife have not yet been revealed.

The marriage will link Middleton—whose parents have founded a successful party supply business after working in

See A ROYAL on Next Page

IN CELEBRATION OF HIS NEW LIFE

†Jesus Manuel Ngirchechol Castro

Better known as "Jes/Chumbai"

Born on December 16, 1981 and was called to join his Creator on November 12, 2010 at the age of 28

In his new life he now joins his

Grand Parents: †Manuel Terlaje Castro
†Elsie Ngelkes Ngirchechol

His memories will forever live in the hearts of his:

Parents: Augustin Tudela Castro & Nathania Ngirchechol Castro
Natividad DLG Tudela Castro

Grandmother: Natividad DLG Tudela Castro
Spouse: Valerie G. Villagomez

Son: Vijae Scott Villagomez Castro

Brothers & Sisters: Augustin Jr. N. Castro, Elsa Lynn N. Castro/Paul Pangelinan, Jean N. Castro, Dorina N. Castro/ Brian Camacho (Jesus Vinx), Brankief N. Castro, Byron Scott N. Castro
Reared Children: Victoria Marie V. Duenas, Kiarah Kiersten V. Duenas, Lakisha Loren V. Duenas

Grandparents In-Laws: Jose B./Victoria S. Villagomez

Father In-Law/Spouse: Jose Jr. S./Karmen O. Villagomez

Mother In-Law/Spouse: Jeanette G./Michael Saures

Brothers & Sisters In-Laws: Jose S. Villagomez II, Joven G. Villagomez, Shanise G. Villagomez, Travis G. Villagomez, Tinesha G. Villagomez, Eugene O. Villagomez, Sherise G. Saures, Nicole G. Saures

Step Sister In-Law/Spouse: Mary Cepeda/Vincent John Castro (Kiahni C. Castro)

Step Brother In-Law/Spouse: Christopher and Carmana Caliwan

He is additionally survived by numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Daily Mass of Intention is celebrated every 6:00 p.m. at St. Jude Church in Koberville followed by the Holy Rosary at 6:30 p.m.

On the last day Saturday, November 20, 2010 his remains will be escorted from CHC at 7:00 a.m. to the families residence in Fina Sisu for viewing and last respects.

The Holy Rosary will be said at 11:30 a.m. followed by Responso.

At 1:30 p.m. our beloved will be escorted from the families residence to St. Jude Church in Koberville. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 2:00p.m. followed by interment services at Tanapag Cemetery.

Un Dungkulu na Si Yu'us Ma'ase, Kom Kmal Mesulang and Thank You

Ginen I Familia

A ROYAL

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the airline industry—with William, scion of one of the richest families in the world.

William has tried to lead a normal life, training to become a military helicopter rescue pilot, but has also become accustomed to extravagant vacations at the world's most exclusive hideaways.

As a boy, he was traumatized by his parents' very public divorce and the tragic loss of his mother. Diana died with her boyfriend, Dodi Al Fayed, in a car crash as frenzied paparazzi chased the couple through the streets of Paris, causing their inebriated driver to lose control of the vehicle.

Both William and Harry enjoy tremendous public goodwill in Britain, in part because they remind many of their mother.

While Charles and Diana often seemed tense at times during their brief courtship, William and Middleton seem relaxed and comfortable together. They are both the same age—unlike Charles and the much younger Diana—and they have lived together in shared student housing, giving them plenty of time to really know each other.

Many in Britain welcomed the royal engagement as a rare piece of good news in a time of economic uncertainty and cutbacks—a time much like 1981, when millions watched Charles and Diana's wedding.

Prime Minister David Cameron wished William and Kate "great joy in their life together," and said that when he announced the news during a Cabinet meeting, it was greeted by cheers and "a great banging of the table."

Charles' Clarence House office said he was "delighted to announce the engagement of Prince William to Miss Catherine Middleton." It used Twitter as well as a news release to alert the world.

The news had been expected for weeks as rumors about impending nuptials reached a crescendo.

"Kate has been waiting for so long, I expected her to find someone else," said London tour guide Gabrielle Sullo, 53. "The media had called her 'Waitey Katie,' so it's about time that she's stopping waiting."

For pomp, the ceremony is likely to fall between the extraordinary spectacle of Charles and Diana's wedding in St. Paul's Cathedral and Charles' subdued second marriage to Camilla, duchess of Cornwall, at Windsor Guildhall in 2005.

The formal engagement is likely to turn the poised, brunette Middleton—already depicted appealingly in the fashion pages—into a global fashion icon. With her confident good looks and long brown hair, Middleton has already become one of the most photographed women in Britain.

William and Harry have spent a lifetime in the spotlight, with

their drunken nights out and female friends the subject of constant tabloid gossip. William, who turned 28 in June, once told an interviewer he wouldn't marry "until I'm at least 28 or maybe 30."

William and Kate shared a house along with other students in the seaside university town of St. Andrews, where William initially studied art history before switching to geography.

In 2002, William paid 200 pounds to sit in the front row at a charity fashion show where Middleton was modeling in a daring see-through dress and black lingerie. They are thought to have started dating shortly afterward.

St. Andrews congratulated the couple, pointing out that the school has a reputation as "Britain's top matchmaking university."

Middleton is the daughter of self-made millionaires. Her father worked for an airline and her mother was a flight attendant before they started a mail-order business specializing in children's parties, run from their house in southern England.

She attended Marlborough College, an elite private school where she played tennis and field hockey, before studying art history at St. Andrews. After graduating in 2005, Middleton worked as a buyer for the fashion chain Jigsaw. She is now employed by her family's party planning business.

Palace officials said only that the wedding would be held in London. It was too early to estimate its cost.

Mark Niemierko, a luxury wedding planner based in London, said a high-end ceremony in the capital typically costs from a quarter-million pounds to a half-million pounds. (\$397,000 to \$794,000)

Funds will likely come out of the Civil List—money provided by Parliament to meet official royal expenses, the queen's household allowance, or drawn from her personal wealth. That is, unless Parliament votes to give the royal couple extra money for the wedding.

Taxpayers will, at the least, have to pay for security at the event, which will require large numbers of police officers.

Jenny Jones, a Green Party lawmaker at London's City Hall, said the royal family should be asked to contribute to the likely high cost of policing the wedding.

"In this age of austerity, it's unrealistic to expect the taxpayer to pay millions of pounds for policing a wedding, however beautiful. We can keep costs down by making it a low-key event or the royal family can contribute. That would seem the fairest solution," she said.

Others refused to let financial concerns mar a nearly perfect day.

"We've been waiting a long, long time for this," said Felicity Thompson, who rushed to St. James' Palace clutching a newspaper with a front-page report about the engagement. "It's a piece of history."

Pink diamond sells for record \$46M at auction

GENEVA (AP)—A rare pink diamond smashed the world record for a jewel at auction Tuesday, selling for more than \$46 million to a well-known gem dealer.

London jeweler Laurence Graff paid \$46,158,674, for the 24.78-carat "fancy intense pink" diamond, which he immediately named "The Graff Pink."

"It is the most fabulous diamond I've seen in the history of my career and I'm delighted to have bought it," Graff said in a statement released by auction house Sotheby's, which offered the stone at its Geneva sale.

The sale price was almost double the \$24.3 million achieved by the blue 35.56-carat Wittelsbach-Graff diamond in 2008. That was also bought by Graff.

"This is the highest price ever

bid for a jewel at auction," said David Bennett, the head of Sotheby's jewelry division, as the auction room in Geneva's luxury Beau Rivage hotel erupted into applause.

"Everybody was surprised it went that high," Mart van Drunen, a jeweler from Amsterdam, commented after the sale. "He clearly wants to have all the rarest diamonds in the world."

Rich buyers from developing countries have been dipping their hand in the high end of the market in recent years, but experts say emerging middle classes particularly in India are doing as much if not more to lift prices. Ongoing doubts about the stock market have also helped drive up the value of gold and precious jewels, said van Drunen.



A Sotheby's employee displays a 24.78 carat fancy intense pink emerald-cut diamond ring during an auction press preview at Sotheby's in Geneva, Switzerland, Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2010.

Four bidders competed for the pink diamond, which was last sold 60 years ago by New York jeweler Harry Winston.

The seller chose to remain anonymous, said Sotheby's.

Graff had the blue diamond recut after purchase, to the displeasure of purists who considered it an act of vandalism against a unique object. It wasn't immediately known whether he planned to alter the pink diamond, which Sotheby's says has a flaw unnoticeable to the naked eye but may be graded as internally flawless after repolishing.

Sotheby's said it sold jewels worth \$105.1 million Tuesday, also a world record for a single sale. The auction included items once belonging to Christina Onassis, the daughter of the Greek shipping tycoon Aristotle Onassis, and Cristina Ford, the second wife of Henry Ford's grandson Henry Ford II.

IN CELEBRATION OF HER NEW LIFE

In Loving memory of

Lourdes Palacios Dela Cruz

February 11, 1935 – November 10, 2010

Was called to join her Creator at the age of 75, at Mesa, Arizona.

Her memories will forever live in the hearts of her:

Children

RITA / ANTONIO CABRERA (Roselynn / Walter, Naomi, Chanele, TJ & Danielle, Christopher)

JOVITA / PETER TORRES (Shawn/Jasmine, Jadeen / Mauricio, Peter Jr., Raena)

PRISCILLA / DONALD CABRERA (Chad, Lionel, Amber, Cory)

BERTHA / JOSE MANAHANE (Jennifer / Joray, Charnelsa, Trent, Tremayne, Patricia, Colton, Bianca, Jose)

BEN / ELLIE DELA CRUZ (BJ Peter, Dane Andrew)

JOE DELA CRUZ (Shanti, Shawnee)

LIZ / FRANCISCO IGLECIAS (Franklin, Kalani, George, Byron, Matilde, Vince, Travis)

PATRICIA / DON CAUDELL JR. (Donnie / Carolyn, Melodie / Leroy, Lindsey / Scott, Kaela / Jeffrey)

RAYMOND / MERCED DELA CRUZ (Doming, Brittney Joy / Tom, Raymond Kenji, Rayanne, Levonne / Ben)

Brother, Sisters and In-Laws:

Eugenio Palacios

Frances and Fred Hill

Delgadina and David Racer

Tomas and Carmen Dela Cruz

She will also be missed by numerous great grandchildren, cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

In her new life, she now joins her:

Husband: †Domingo Castro Dela Cruz

Parents: †Vicente San Miguel Palacios

†Rita Cabrera Pangelinan Palacios

Parents In Law: †Jose Cruz Dela Cruz

†Rita Villagomez Castro Dela Cruz

Brothers, Sisters and In-Laws:

†Serafin Palacios

†Isaac Palacios

†Herman Palacios / †Lydia B. Palacios

†Edward Ryan

†Jesus C. Dela Cruz

†Rosita C. Dela Cruz

†Victorina C. Dela Cruz

†Jose C. Dela Cruz

Daily Mass of Intentions is being celebrated at San Antonio Church at 6:00pm followed by the Holy Rosary.

Her remains will be arriving on Friday, November 19, 2010 at 12:30am. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, November 20, 2010. Her remains will be taken from Borja Funeral Memorial Chapel at 7:30am to San Antonio Church. Responso service will be at 8:00am followed by the Holy Rosary at 8:30am. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00am. Interment service will follow at Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

Please Join us in Prayers

The Children & Family



LOS ANGELES (AP)—Nearly 50 years after the Beatles took television by storm, the Fab Four's songs became available on iTunes on Tuesday, setting the stage for a possible new outbreak of Beatlemania—this one online.

After many a hard day's night of negotiations, Apple announced a deal Tuesday to immediately begin selling the Beatles' music by the song or the album. Until now, the biggest-selling, most influential group in rock history has been glaringly absent from iTunes and other legal online music services.

"The Beatles are one of those groups that parents and young people can kind of come together on, no pun intended," said Craig Marks, editor of Billboard magazine. "There are kids and there are baby boomers and people in between who, for whatever reason, never did download those Beatles songs because they weren't on iTunes, and now they're going to have

Beatles' songs are finally available on iTunes

WHAT'S AVAILABLE

The Beatles' music is finally for sale on Apple Inc.'s iTunes. Single albums cost \$12.99 and come with a mini-documentary about its making. Double albums cost \$19.99. Here's a look at what's available:

- Please Please Me (1963)
- With the Beatles (1963)
- A Hard Day's Night (1964)
- Beatles for Sale (1964)
- Help! (1965)
- Rubber Soul (1965)
- Revolver (1966)
- Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts
- Club Band (1967)
- Magical Mystery Tour (1967)
- The Beatles (White Album) (1968)
- Yellow Submarine (1969)
- Abbey Road (1969)
- Let It Be (1970)
- The Beatles 1962-1966 (The Red Album) (released 1973)

the opportunity to do so."

Within hours of their availability Tuesday, eight Beatles recordings were at one point among the top 25 albums sold on iTunes, including a \$149 boxed set at No. 13. The eight also included "Abbey Road," "The White Album" and "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts

Club Band."

Apple would not release first-day sales figures or the number of Beatles albums or singles downloaded. iTunes' top albums list is a fluid, real-time chart that changes several times throughout the day; the 25th album may sell only a few thousand

- The Beatles 1967-1970 (The Blue Album) (released 1973)
- Past Masters, Vols. 1 and 2 (released 1988)
- The Beatles Box Set (released 2009; \$149.99; iTunes version includes video of the band's first U.S. concert in 1964)

sand copies in a week.

It is unclear how big the Beatles could become on iTunes. After all, many Beatles fans already have copied the group's CDs to their iPods.

"It seems like too little, too late," said Kerry Sullivan, 24, a senior at Saint Thomas Aquinas College in Sparkill, N.Y. "Everyone who wants the Beatles catalog probably already has it. If you know, they really wanted the Beatles, they know somewhere else to get it already."

Forty years after the Beatles broke up, Apple is selling 13 remastered studio albums, the two-volume "Past Masters" set and the "Red" and "Blue" greatest-hits collections. People can buy individual songs for \$1.29 apiece or download entire albums, at \$12.99 for a single album and \$19.99 for a double.



AP
In this undated file photograph British pop band The Beatles, John Lennon (left) Ringo Starr, Paul McCartney and George Harrison (right) pose for a photograph.

part because of a long-running trademark dispute with Apple. The feud was resolved in 2007 when the companies agreed on joint use of the apple logo and name. Many people saw that as paving the way for an agreement for online access to Beatles songs.

EMI Group CEO Roger Faxon would not say whether the Beatles had gotten a special deal from Apple, which usually keeps 30 percent and gives the rest to the label and the artists.

Apple Corps had resisted selling Beatles music on iTunes in

Mystery surrounds killing of Hollywood publicist

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)—It was a scene befitting a Hollywood true crime drama: A prominent Beverly Hills publicist was gunned down in her Mercedes-Benz after attending a movie premiere, sending the luxury car careening into a light post near Sunset Boulevard.

Police said Ronni Chasen was shot in the chest several times and killed early Tuesday in an attack that stunned Hollywood, where she was a revered figure after promoting the Oscar-winning film "Driving Miss Daisy" and other major movies and stars over the years.

Police had no motive or suspects and said no threats

had been reported against the 64-year-old Chasen. The mystery deepened later in the day when police seized computers from her firm, Chasen and Co.

Fellow publicist Howard Bragman called the killing bizarre.

"She wasn't a shady character," he said. "It's a small community and she was one of the fixtures in it."

Witnesses said they heard gunshots in the serene Beverly Hills neighborhood and called 911 before going outside to help.

"I heard the 'Boom! Boom! Boom!' of gunshots, ran up to the window, and there was the

back of the car," Nahid Schekarchian, who lives in an apartment above the crash site, told The Associated Press.

She said her daughter-in-law called 911 and her son and a neighbor ran down to the car and found Chasen, who was struggling to breathe and bleeding from her nose and chest.

The front passenger's window was shattered.

The killing took place after Chasen attended the premiere of the movie "Burlesque," which the trade publication Variety said she was promoting for Screen Gems to position the soundtrack for an Oscar nomination.

Ole! Spain's flamenco declared a global treasure

MADRID (AP)—Spain's flamenco world is stomping its heels with joy now that UNESCO has declared the quintessential Spanish genre of music and dance an art form the world should treasure.

Performers of the booming style of song and guitar-strumming accompanied by rapid-fire clapping and heel-clicking called the honor long overdue. Flamenco got the nod as an intangible piece of cultural heritage at a UNESCO meeting Tuesday in Nairobi, Kenya.

"The news was welcomed with an explosion of joy here," said flamenco singer Chiquetete—whose full name is Antonio Jose Cortes Pantoja—

speaking from Seville, capital of the southern Andalusia region where flamenco is more deeply entrenched than in any other part of Spain.

Flamenco historians say the genre, with roots in centuries of Moorish presence in Spain, first emerged in the 18th century as an outlet for poor people to express everything from sorrow to

happiness to faith in God.

They would perform at home or while doing menial labor, and it was not until the late 19th and early 20th century that it became a commercial form of entertainment. It is Spain's Gypsy community that has done most to make it popular.

Over the years it has devel-

oped myriad variations, spreading into pop, rock and jazz, and is also wildly popular abroad—as far away as Japan and the United States. Spain first nominated flamenco for the UNESCO honor in 2005 but lost out.

In Spain, a flamenco singer named Miguel Poveda won Spain's equivalent of the Grammys for best album last year.

"I think we deserved it and finally we made it. Long live flamenco," said Jose Merce, one of Spain's best-known flamenco singers.

Sara Baras, a flamenco dancer, said the genre has gone through periods when some in Spain looked down on it as entertainment for the lower classes.

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Donald Faison, Eric Balfour

Science, Fiction • Rated PG 13

Synopsis

A series of blindingly bright lights appear all over Los Angeles, mesmerizing the citizens of the city while luring them to an uncertain fate in this sci-fi thriller from sibling filmmakers Greg and Colin Strause. As speculation regarding the origin of the mysterious lights runs rampant, a Los Angeles entrepreneur (Donald Faison), his best friend, Jarrod (Eric Balfour), and Jarrod's frightened girlfriend (Scottie Thompson) struggle to resist temptation as they seek out the source of the luminous threat.



Unstoppable

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Denzel Washington, Chris Pine

Action • Rated PG 13

Synopsis

Denzel Washington and Star Trek's Chris Pine star in this action thriller from director Tony Scott. The plot surrounds two locomotive operators who team up to stop a runaway train filled with explosives. Live Free or Die Hard's Mark Bomback provides the script for the 20th Century Fox production, co-starring Rosario Dawson.



Megamind

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Will Farrell, Tina Fey

Comedy, Children's/family • Rated PG

Synopsis

DreamWorks Animation presents this satirical take on the superhero genre focusing on a down-and-out super villain who has to learn how to get his groove back when he's left without an arch nemesis in this comedy from directors Cameron Hood and Kyle Jefferson.



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Robert Downey, Jr., Zach Galifianakis

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Jesse Eisenberg, Justin Timberlake

Drama • Rated PG 13



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Katie Featherston, Micah Sloat

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Upset! High-scoring Brandy axed from 'Dancing'

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Brandy earned a perfect score for her Argentine tango on Monday's "Dancing With the Stars," only to learn Tuesday it would be her final dance in the competition.

The 31-year-old singer and actress was eliminated from the hit ABC dance-off just before next week's final showdown for the mirrorball trophy.

Jennifer Grey, Kyle Massey and Bristol Palin will compete for the prize next week.

Brandy was speechless when host Tom Bergeron announced she would be leaving the show.

"I don't know how to feel right now," she said. "It hasn't

processed yet for me."

Moments later, she was shown crying.

Grey's professional partner, Derek Hough, didn't hide his surprise at Brandy's dismissal: His jaw dropped.

Brandy, who collected 57 points out of 60 on Monday, was pitted against Palin, who earned 53 points, at the end of Monday's episode for the last spot in the finals.

Judge Bruno Tonioli said he was shocked at the results.

"I'm so disappointed," he said. "Your freestyle, I was looking (forward) so much to see it."

Judges' scores are combined with viewer votes to determine which couple is ousted each week.



In this publicity image released by ABC, singer Brandy, right, and her partner Maksim Chmerkovskiy perform during the celebrity dance competition series, "Dancing with the Stars," on Monday, Nov. 15, 2010 in Los Angeles.

Booming sales for Bush book 'Decision Points'

NEW YORK (AP)—The Decider has written a blockbuster.

Former President George W. Bush's "Decision Points" sold 775,000 copies through its first week of release, Crown Publishers, an imprint of Random House Inc., announced Tuesday. An initial print run of 1.5 million copies has been increased to 1.85 million. E-book sales alone have topped 100,000.

"We expect his book will be one of this holiday season's biggest-selling titles," Crown's senior vice president and publisher, Tina Constable, said in a statement.

Bush signed on with Crown not long after leaving the White House in 2009 with poor approval ratings and skepticism that his book would have any appeal. Liberals deeply disliked him, and even conservatives were wary,



In this publicity image released by ABC, singer Brandy, right, and her partner Maksim Chmerkovskiy perform during the celebrity dance competition series, "Dancing with the Stars," on Monday, Nov. 15, 2010 in Los Angeles.

with the Conservative Book Club declining to make "Decision Points" a main selection.

Does death loom for Marvel's Ultimate Spider-Man?

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Has Spider-Man spun his final web?

Marvel Comics said Tuesday it will unveil a story line in Ultimate Spider-Man—a separate imprint from its other comics—with a title that may prove unsettling to the webslinger's fans: "Death of Spider-Man."

The publisher is playing coy about what fate may befall Peter Parker, but the story is likely to be groundbreaking given that the Ultimate Comics line has been less than kind to several characters in the past, killing off Magneto, Wasp, Wolverine and others for good.

Brian Michael Bendis, who penned the story with Mark Millar, said Tuesday that the story is a "bold endeavor" and

will span several issues. But on whether Spider-Man will be killed or not, Bendis and the company were mum.

"As a group and as individuals, we have made a conscious effort to create stories this year that no one has ever seen before," he said in a statement. "I am very, very proud to be a part of this story line and very proud of Marvel for even attempting such a bold endeavor."

Fans of Spider-Man need not worry much, though, because the Ultimates imprint is separate from Marvel's bigger universe and whatever fate may befall Ultimate Spider-Man won't count in the pages of the other series, including "Amazing Spider-Man."

ENTERTAINMENT TIDBITS

Manilow to perform at Nobel concert

OSLO, Norway (AP)—Barry Manilow and Jamiroquai have joined the lineup of artists to perform at the annual Nobel Peace Prize Concert in Oslo. Organizers say Indian musician A.R. Rahman, who did the score for "Slumdog Millionaire," will also feature in the Dec. 11 show honoring this year's peace laureate, imprisoned Chinese dissident Liu Xiaobo. Academy Award-winning actor Denzel Washington will host the concert, which is always held a day after the prize ceremony. Previously announced performers include British pop band Florence and the Machine, U.S. pop singer Colbie Caillat, pianist Herbie Hancock and singer-songwriter Elvis Costello.

McCartney to play at Apollo Theater next month

NEW YORK (AP)—Paul McCartney will perform at New York's famed Apollo Theater

next month—a first for the singing legend. The 68-year-old former Beatle is scheduled to perform at the Harlem venue on Dec. 13. Sirius XM made the announcement Tuesday. The show will celebrate the station reaching 20 million subscribers. The invitation-only concert will be held for Sirius XM listeners. It also will air live on six Sirius XM channels. The station also is launching "Paul McCartney's Band on the Run Radio," a monthlong music channel devoted to McCartney's music catalog. It runs Nov. 29 through Dec. 26.

Chilean miner sings with Newton-John in concert

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP)—Singer Olivia Newton-John had a very special guest join her on stage during a concert in Chile's capital: Edison Pena, the rescued miner with a passion for Elvis Presley songs. Pena often broke out in song to keep up the spirits of the miners trapped

underground. And it turns out he also can sing duets. He joined Newton-John on the song "Summer Nights" from the musical "Grease" and got a big ovation. Pena met Newton-John on a Chilean talk show the night before and she asked him to join her on stage Monday night before 10,000 fans.

Pena says "being on stage was incredible."

Dollywood wins Applause award for theme parks

ORLANDO, Florida (AP)—Dolly Parton said Tuesday that winning the 2010 Applause Award for her theme park, Dollywood, is like winning "the Oscar of the business." "I'm just honored and proud," she said in a phone interview with The Associated Press. "I'm excited that this is our 25th anniversary for Dollywood, that we won it this year, and that I had a chance to be here." Parton accepted the award in person in Orlando at an amusement park trade show,

IAAPA Attractions Expo 2010, hosted by the International Association of Amusement Parks and Attractions.

Randy Quaid, wife, miss another court hearing

SANTA BARBARA, California (AP)—Randy Quaid and his wife remain fugitives from a California court after the couple failed to appear Tuesday for their arraignment on felony vandalism charges for the fourth time. Santa Barbara Superior Court Judge Donna Geck refused to schedule a new court date for the couple, instead leaving their arrest warrants active. Randy and Evi Quaid have already forfeited more than \$1 million in bail for their slew of missed appearances.

Randy Quaid's attorney, Robert Sanger, told the judge that Canadian authorities had confiscated the actor's passport. The Quaids are seeking asylum there, claiming they fear a group they've dubbed the "Hollywood star-whackers."

Naming former spouses sets record straight in obituaries

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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DEAR ABBY: "Surviving Son in California" (Sept. 20) sought your advice regarding proper protocol in mentioning all surviving relatives when parents had been divorced. You said, "After a couple divorces and one of them dies, the name of the former spouse is usually not mentioned in the obituary." I think your response needs a little tweaking.

My siblings and I faced this same scenario after my father passed away. My parents divorced when I was in grade school, and each parent had remarried by my freshman year in high school. Although their divorce was painful, they remained on friendly terms throughout their lives. I was adamant that my biological mother be listed in my father's obituary for two reasons: First, the obituary serves as a historical document. Second, I did not want people reading the obituary to think my siblings and I were children from my father's second marriage.

An obituary should serve as a historical account of our loved one's life—not a battlefield.

LESLIE IN PORT ANGELES, WASH.

DEAR LESLIE: Thank you for pointing out your valid reasons for including former spouses in an obituary. Allow me to share a few more.

DEAR ABBY: I've worked in newspapers on the East Coast for the past 11 years, and I can tell you that mentioning a divorced spouse's name is totally a matter of individual and family preference. It is becoming more common to see "So-and-so" was the former wife and good friend of "the deceased," which is a nice development. It is the right of the surviving family to decide the contents of the obituary. Because some people even include pets among survivors, you would think an ex-spouse would receive the same consideration.

NAME WITHHELD IN CONNECTICUT

DEAR ABBY: Genealogy researchers often use obituaries to find the parents or children of families. Here in Iowa, it is common for the obituary to show that a couple married, had children and were divorced. I understand how some children might decide to omit a parent if the divorce wasn't a friendly one. I was left out of my first husband's obituary, but I got over it.

TWO SIDES TO A STORY

DEAR ABBY: There is a difference between an obituary and a death notice. A death notice is a paid announcement, usually in small type and generally placed by the funeral director. It can include, or exclude, anything the family wishes.

An obituary is an objective news story written by a bylined reporter, and it contains the good, the bad and the ugly—including the names of former spouses, whether separated by death or divorce.

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DEAR ABBY: Here in the South, an ex-spouse is often listed this way: "Jane Doe of Memphis, Tenn., is the mother of his children." The primary reason is so the children feel their surviving parent, and the years their parents spent together, are acknowledged.

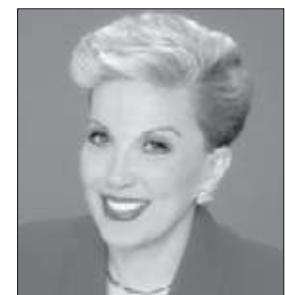
NANCY IN CONWAY, ARK.

DEAR ABBY: You can't erase the years spent together as a family even though a divorce has occurred. I had been married for 30 years at the time of my divorce, and it is important for me to be listed when my ex passes away—and vice versa. My ex and I discussed this and agreed that the obituary would be written this way: "Also survived by the mother/father of his/her children ... In my mind, divorced or not, you will always be family."

AN EX WHO IS STILL PART OF THE FAMILY

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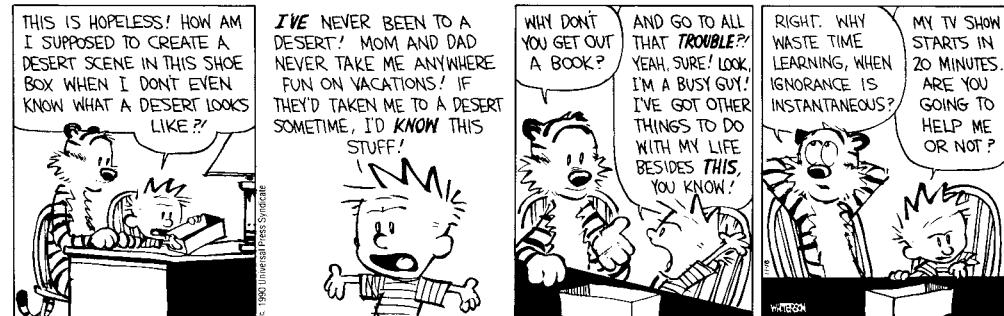
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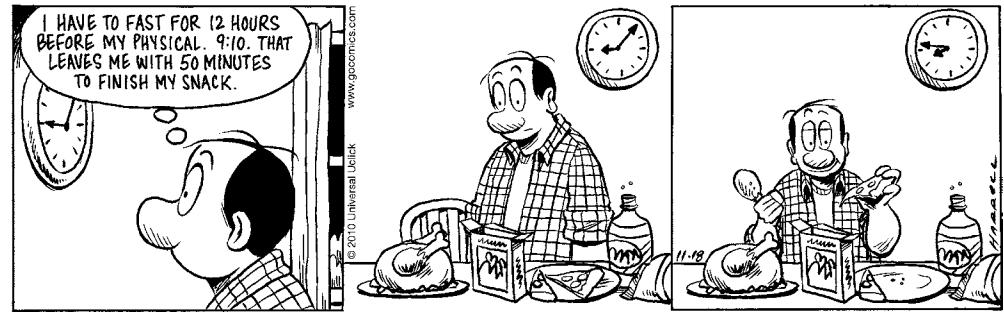
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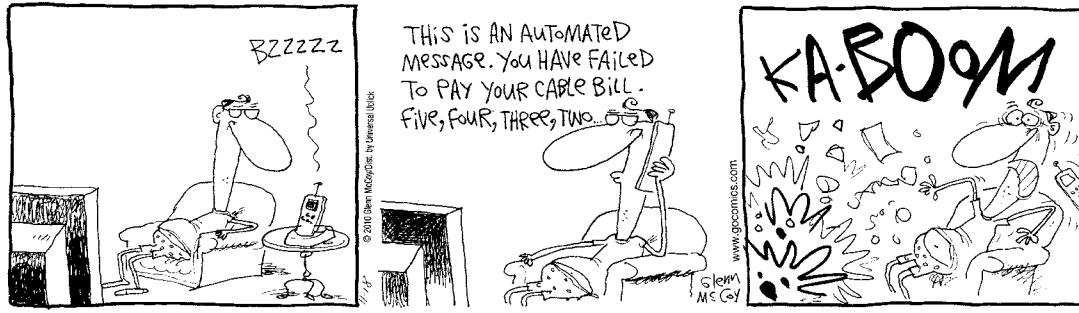
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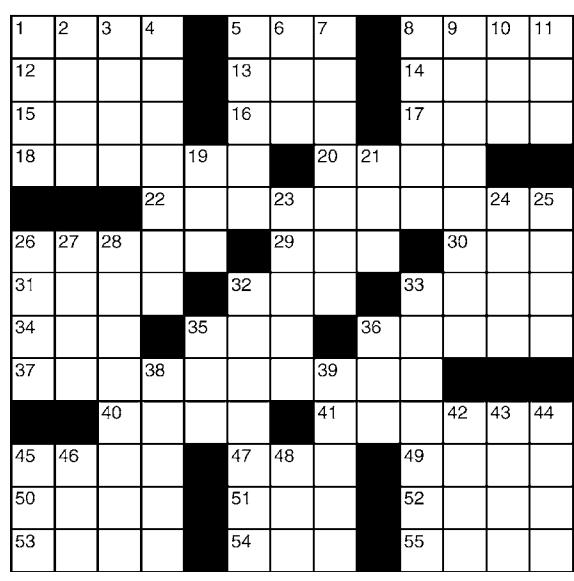
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): You'll be emotional, especially when it comes to affairs of the heart. Don't jump impulsively into something that has proven to be difficult in the past. Find out if you and the person you are interested in are on the same page. **★★★**

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You cannot change much personally or professionally right now, but you can discover interesting ways to make life better. Change may not be visible just yet but it is heading your way, so you'll want to be prepared to take advantage. **★★★**

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): An opportunity is apparent and you don't want to miss out because someone forgot to mention something important. You need to be proactive. However, there is no room for pushiness, only direct response and promptness. **★★★**

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You'll be taken advantage of if you are too willing to do for others. Draw the line or set a limit. Keep your finger on the pulse at work or where new positions are being posted and you will make successful gains. **★★**

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You will

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Things are really cooking around you, so don't take time to rest when you should be in the middle of all the excitement. Getting together with people who can offer you interesting proposals or bring greater clarity to your plans will lead to a brighter future. **★★★★**

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Spending unnecessarily will lead to worry and stress. Budget wisely and put your money into something that will grow in value. Tag along to a social event with someone who has a formal invitation and you will be invited directly to the next function. **★★**

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You'll feel burdened by someone who doesn't enjoy the same things you do. Consider whether or not you are wasting your time and energy. Greater interaction with friends, neighbors or a group you would like to be a part of will lead to social opportunities. **★★**

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): If you don't see any options, you aren't looking hard enough. There is plenty going on, so start sharing your thoughts and including people in your plans. You will get things going and start moving in a positive, forward direction. **★★★**

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your determination and progressive action will lead to controversy but will also help you stand out and be counted. There will be ups and downs as the day progresses. Separate your personal and professional lives so you can keep them balanced. **★★★★**

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have some trouble emotionally. Expect people who want something from you to become impatient if you aren't accommodating. Love is apparent but may take you by surprise. Make sure you aren't infringing on someone else's territory. **★★**

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Remember your dreams and goals and try to incorporate them into your current lifestyle or situation. You will gain greater perspective, making it easier to rework, revamp and reinstate what you know and do best. **★★★★**

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You should allow time for learning and applying what you have discovered. Someone will be quick to complain or criticize. Focus on something you can develop on your own that shows potential to become a moneymaker. **★★★★**

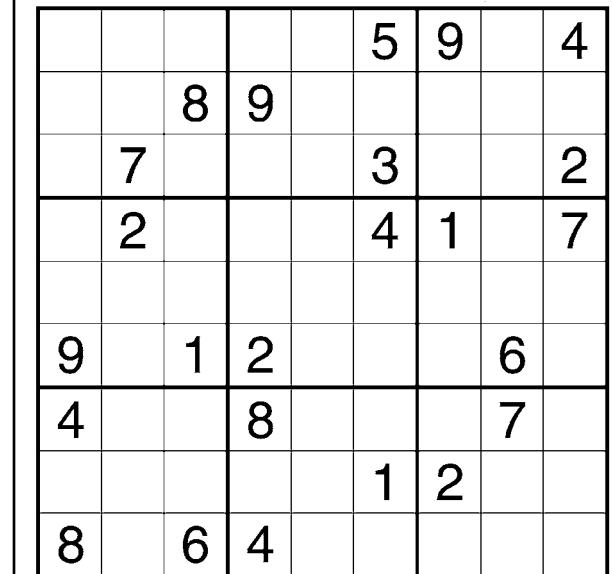
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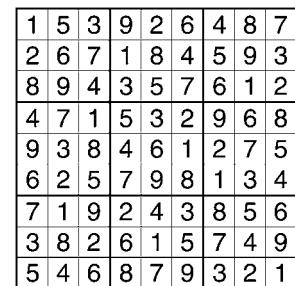
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Bryant scores 31 as Lakers beat Bucks



MILWAUKEE
(AP)—Kobe Bryant scored 31 points and Shannon Brown added 16 of his 21 in the fourth quarter as the Los Angeles Lakers beat the Milwaukee Bucks 118-107 on Tuesday night to end a two-game losing streak.

Los Angeles had started with eight wins before the consecutive losses, but Brown and Bryant sparked the Lakers on both ends of the floor against what had been the stingiest defense in the NBA.

Bryant scored 13 points in the third quarter, including seven straight in a crucial stretch. Brown didn't skip a beat in the fourth, hitting four 3-pointers that stifled the Bucks' rally.

Brandon Jennings scored 31 points, Andrew Bogut had 12 points and 18 rebounds, and Drew Gooden added 22 points and 13 boards for Milwaukee.

Bulls 95, Rockets 92

At Houston, Derrick Rose scored 17 of his 33 points in the fourth quarter as Chicago opened its seven-game road trip by beating Houston.

Rose also had seven assists, and Luol Deng added 16 points and 10 rebounds for the Bulls, who won their fourth straight overall and earned their first victory in three road games this season.

Luis Scola scored 27 points and former Bull Brad Miller added 21 for the Rockets, who've lost their last four meetings with Chicago after winning 11 of the previous 12.

Nuggets 120, Knicks 118

At Denver, Carmelo Anthony



AP
Los Angeles Lakers' Kobe Bryant (24) goes up for a shot in front of Milwaukee Bucks' Andrew Bogut during the first half of an NBA basketball game Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2010, in Milwaukee.

scored 26 points and his teammates overcame his emotional blowup in the closing minutes as

the Nuggets edged New York. Al Harrington chipped in 22 points against his former team

and rookie Gary Forbes scored 19 as Denver bounced back from a fourth-quarter meltdown

in Phoenix one night earlier.

Amare Stoudemire led New York with 24 points. Rookie guard Landry Fields had a big game for New York, which lost its sixth straight. Averaging 9.8 points and 5.7 rebounds coming in, he went off for 21 points and 17 boards.

Wizards 109, Raptors 94

At Washington, Gilbert Arenas, replacing injured rookie John Wall, scored 20 points in his first start of the season to help Washington win.

Andray Blatche had 22, Nick Young scored 20, and Kirk Hinrich added 13 points and 12 assists for Washington, which won for just the third time in nine games.

With Wall out with a sprained left foot, coach Flip Saunders started Arenas, who came off the bench in his first five games. Arenas had seven rebounds and six assists in his first start since Jan. 5, shortly before he was suspended for bringing guns into the Verizon Center locker room.

Toronto, which lost for the ninth time in 11 games, was led by Sonny Weems' 16 points.

Trail Blazers 100, Grizzlies 99

At Memphis, Wesley Matthews, replacing injured guard Brandon Roy, scored a career-high 30 points for Portland.

Matthews shot 11 of 19 from the field, including 5 of 10 from 3-point range, as the Trail Blazers salvaged a win after losing their first two games on a three-game road trip. Portland beat Memphis for the eighth straight time on the road.

LaMarcus Aldridge had 23

points for the Trail Blazers, while Andre Miller finished with 19, 13 in the fourth quarter. He also had nine assists.

Rudy Gay led Memphis with 20 points, while Zach Randolph had 19 points and 14 rebounds.

Cavaliers 101, 76ers 93

At Cleveland, Daniel Gibson scored 18 points and Jamario Moon added 13 as Cleveland finally shook its third-quarter blues to beat Philadelphia, which lost its fourth in a row and played without swingman Andre Iguodala.

Gibson had eight assists and Joey Graham added 13 points off the bench as the Cavs (5-5) ended a two-game slide and got back to .500.

Cleveland outscored Philadelphia 26-16 in the third quarter. It was only the second time in 10 games this season that the Cavs have outscored their opponent in the third.

Thaddeus Young scored 17 and rookie Evan Turner 16 to pace the Sixers. Iguodala sat out with a troublesome Achilles' tendon.

Hawks 102, Pacers 92

At Indianapolis, Josh Smith had 25 points, eight rebounds and seven blocks in Atlanta's win.

Mike Bibby scored 16 points and Al Horford added 15 for the Hawks, who won their second straight after a four-game losing streak.

Danny Granger scored 22 points for the Pacers. Roy Hibbert had 18 points and a career-high 15 rebounds, and Mike Dunleavy added 14 points for the Pacers.

Beasley piles up points in Minnesota

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—It's taken a few weeks for Michael Beasley to find his way in the Minnesota Timberwolves offense.

Coach Kurt Rambis has flooded the 21-year-old with responsibilities, asking him to play two positions, be aggressive but not TOO aggressive and take over when the time is right.

The message appears to be getting through.

For a player who was labeled irresponsible in his first two seasons in Miami, Beasley is embracing his role as the go-to guy in his first season in Minnesota. He scored a career-high 42 points in a win over the Kings last week, followed that up with 35 in a win over the Knicks and is averaging 32.5 points over the last four games.

Beasley's scoring binge has helped the Wolves go 2-2, showing a feistiness that wasn't there early in the season—or for the last five years, really.

Beasley welcomed a baby boy into his family on the same day he hung 42 on the Kings and is quickly settling into his new surroundings after two so-so seasons to start his career.

"I feel at home," Beasley said. "I definitely feel at home, on the court and off."

The precocious personality and free-wheeling spirit never really felt comfortable on South Beach after the Heat made him the No. 2 overall pick in 2008. He never got into the flow of the offense playing with Dwyane Wade and ran into problems off the court as well.

The Heat sent him to Minnesota in a salary dump to create room for LeBron James and Chris Bosh this summer. Rather than feel sorry for himself in basketball's version of Siberia, Beasley has shown signs of blossoming into the kind of player everyone thought he could be when he was drafted.

It's still very early in his first season with the Timberwolves, but teammates, coaches and fans are liking what they see so far.

"He's very outgoing," Rambis said. "He has a lot of fun playing. He loves the game of basketball. We certainly enjoy his enthusiasm."

And his game isn't too shabby, either. It's been a long time since the long-suffering Timberwolves have had a player with the kind of offensive versatility that the 6-foot-9 Beasley has at his disposal. He can get to the rim, knock down the 3 and create his own shot, a revelation for a team that has had to work so hard for offense in recent seasons.

"His talent is through the roof," shooting guard Wayne Ellington said. "He's just a baller man. Flat out."

Starting at small forward rather than his normal power forward, Beasley is shooting 55 percent from the field and 58 percent (7 for 12) from 3-point range during his surge, and is gradually picking up all the things that Rambis wants him to do—on both ends of the court.

"It's the hardest (basketball) thing I've ever done in my life," Beasley said. "I'm playing the

three and the four on offense and defense. I'm banging with the big guys. I'm chasing the little guys. It's just focus. ... It's all mental. Coach tells me before every possession. Every time he gives me a new job he tells me and I lock in and do it."

Rambis knows it's going to take time for Beasley to pick up all the nuances on offense and defense, but the coach is willing to let him learn on the job, especially when he's scoring like this.

"He's kind of learning a new way to play and a new position," Rambis said earlier this season. "He's got a lot to learn. We're just going to be extremely patient with him. He's a very talented, knowledgeable basketball player. I think you see him going through this trying to figure things out."

Beasley and 22-year-old rebounding machine Kevin Love are emerging as a formidable duo that the Wolves hope to build around for years to come. The youngest team in the league still hasn't established a pecking order for the fourth quarter, but Beasley is moving toward asserting himself as that guy.

"I would love for it to be me," he said. "I want to take that shot. I work every day for that shot. I shoot that shot a million times. I dream about that shot every night. I would love for it to be me. If it's not, I'm not mad. I just want to get the win. I would love to be that go-to guy. I would love to be the guy that carries that team."



AP
Minnesota Timberwolves forward Michael Beasley, left, shoots over Sacramento Kings forward Donte Greene during the first quarter of an NBA basketball game in Sacramento, Calif., Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2010.

Phils' Halladay unanimously wins NL Cy Young Award



**N E W
Y O R K**
(AP)—

Roy Halladay arrived in Philadelphia to a standing ovation, a \$60 million contract extension and the billing as baseball's top ace. That was before he threw a single pitch.

Doc delivered, and then some.

Halladay added another victory to an almost perfect season Tuesday, unanimously winning the NL Cy Young Award and becoming the fifth pitcher to earn the honor in both leagues.

"It's by far the most fun I've ever had playing this game," he said on a conference call from Mexico, where he was golfing with Phillies teammate Mike Sweeney, Cardinals star Chris Carpenter and pitcher Chris Young.

"It was everything I hoped it would be," Halladay said.

In the Year of the Pitcher, he became the only one ever to throw a perfect game and no-hitter in the same season.

Halladay was an easy choice after going 21-10 with a 2.44 ERA and 219 strikeouts. He led the league in wins and topped the majors in innings (250 2-3), shutouts (4) and complete games (9).

Halladay received all 32 first-place votes in balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

Adam Wainwright of St. Louis was second and Ubaldo Jimenez of Colorado was third. San Francisco ace Tim Lincecum, who won the past two NL Cy Youngs, finished 11th.

"It's surprising," Halladay said. "There could have been a lot of cases made, strong cases."

This year's AL Cy Young Award winner will be announced Thursday. It could be a much more complicated race.

Felix Hernandez went 13-12, but topped the majors with a 2.27 ERA, led the AL in innings and was second in strikeouts. His Seattle Mariners had the worst record in the league and were either shut out or held to one run in 10 of his 34 starts.

CC Sabathia of the Yankees went 21-7 with a 3.18 ERA and Tampa Bay's David Price was 19-6 with a 2.72 ERA.

"Obviously, Felix's numbers are very, very impressive," Halladay said. "Ultimately, you look at how guys are able to win games. Sometimes, you find a way to win games."

Acquired from Toronto last December, Halladay quickly adjusted to a new league and added to the 2003 AL Cy Young he won with the Blue Jays.

Halladay threw a perfect



AP
In this Oct. 16, 2010 file photo, Philadelphia Phillies starting pitcher Roy Halladay throws during the first inning of Game 1 of baseball's National League Championship Series against the San Francisco Giants in Philadelphia.

game at Florida on May 29, then tossed a no-hitter against Cincinnati in his postseason debut.

Voting for the award ended after the regular season. Three days later, Halladay completely overmatched the Reds, the top-hitting team in the NL, in their playoff opener.

Halladay split a pair of matchups with Lincecum in the NL championship series. The Giants won in six games, blunting the Phillies' bid to reach the World Series for the third straight year.

"We fell short," he said. "That part is definitely tough."

Halladay's seven-year gap between Cy Youngs ties the longest in history, matching Tom Glavine.

"To be able to do it again after so long," he said, "means a lot to me."

Halladay joined Roger Clemens, Randy Johnson, Pedro Martinez and Gaylord Perry as pitchers to earn the award in both leagues.

He credited catcher Carlos Ruiz, pitcher Jamie Moyer, pitching coach Rich Dubee and others for making his transition to the Phillies and the NL a smooth one.

"I was definitely worried about going to a new team," he said, adding he wondered: "How different are the leagues going to be?"

His assessment of the NL: "More of a strategic game."

Halladay became the 13th pitcher to unanimously win the NL Cy Young, with Jake Peavy previously doing it in 2007. It has happened eight times in the AL, with Johan

Santana last accomplishing the feat in 2006.

Halladay is the 16th multiple winner of a Cy Young Award, a list headed by Clemens' seven and Johnson's five. Steve Carlton and Greg Maddux each won four times.

The Cy Young started in 1956. Through the 1966 season, there was just one selection from both leagues.

Halladay was the seventh Phillies pitcher to win the award. Along with Carlton, John Denny won in 1983 and reliever Steve Bedrosian got it in 1987.

The Phillies paid a big price to get Halladay. They wound up trading 2009 postseason star Cliff Lee to Seattle as four teams wound up being part of the swaps.

Halladay got to Philadelphia on the day of the trade and drew a standing ovation from nearly 20,000 fans when he was introduced in person at a 76ers game.

Halladay was dominant in an opening-day victory at Washington and won his first four decisions. The next month, he threw the 20th perfect game in major league history - only after got pinch-hitter Ronny Paulino to hit a grounder for the final out did Halladay break into a big smile.

It was a rare show of emotion. Halladay is well known for his focus and dedication to workouts. In spring training, it was not uncommon to see him in camp by 6 a.m.

"Roy just set such a great example," Dubee said.

Halladay earned his 18th win in mid-September. Despite

all of their recent success, no Phillies had reached had won more than 17 since 1983, when Denny did it.

The only pitchers picked on all the ballots were Halladay, Wainwright and Jimenez. There were two BBWAA voters in every league city, and each person listed five top choices.

Halladay finished with a perfect 224 points. Wainwright (20-11, 2.42 ERA) got 28 second-place votes and 122 points and Jimenez (19-8, 2.88 ERA) got the other four seconds and 90 points.

"It was definitely special for me ... knowing how great the competition was and how good guys were doing," Halladay said. "To be able to finish it this way is a tremendous thrill."

At one point, Jimenez appeared to be a sure thing for the award. He started the All-Star game with a 15-1 record but tailed off.

Atlanta's Tim Hudson (17-9, 2.83) was fourth and Florida's Josh Johnson, who led the NL with a 2.30 ERA, was fifth. Giants closer Brian Wilson, who led the majors with 48 saves, was highest-finishing reliever at seventh.

Halladay received a \$250,000 bonus, and Wainwright and Jimenez got \$100,000 each.

By finishing second, Wainwright's \$9 million option for 2012 and \$12 million option for 2013 become guaranteed as long as he doesn't finish the 2011 season on the disabled list because of an injury to his right arm.

On Wednesday, the AL and NL managers of the year will be presented.

Dynamic Michael Vick playing like an MVP



PHILADELPHIA

(AP)—Michael Vick had just scored after another dazzling run against the Redskins when Eagles fans at a local sports bar began chanting: "M-V-P! M-V-P! M-V-P!"

It was a far cry from what Vick was being called a few years ago.

Once one of the NFL's biggest and highest paid stars, his career was in ruins and his life in shambles. He was broke, reviled and relegated to being a situational No. 3 quarterback after serving 18 months in federal prison for running a dogfighting ring.

Now he's on top again, playing maybe better than ever, and just in time to become perhaps the biggest free agent on the market next year.

Vick may have had the best all-around game by a quarterback in NFL history Monday night against Washington. He threw for 333 yards and four touchdowns, and ran for 80 yards and two scores in Philadelphia's 59-28 victory.

So much for everyone who protested his arrival in Philadelphia and threatened to boycott games.

"I thought what he did was disgusting, but the guy paid his dues and deserves a second chance," said Shaun Young, an 18-year season ticket holder who was inducted into the Pro Football Ultimate Fan Association's Hall of Fame last year in Canton, Ohio.

"He's playing incredible. I respect people's opinions that don't like him, but isn't this world based on second chances?"

Since signing with the Eagles in August 2009, he's been a model citizen off the field, working with the Humane Society of the United States and speaking to school and community groups about the cruelty of dogfighting.

On the field, Vick has been downright spectacular, even more so than when he was a superstar with the Atlanta Falcons.

"I feel like I'm playing the best football only because of the coaches that I have, the guys I'm playing with. The offensive line is playing great," Vick said. "I have a great group of guys around me. Just as I'm doing a great job, those guys are doing a great job as well."

Fickle fans who were outraged when the Eagles signed him to a two-year deal are now demanding the team give him a new contract. Vick, who filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in July 2008, could be a top free agent on the market next year if Philadelphia lets him get that far. Teams who weren't willing to trade a high draft pick for him when the Eagles made him available last offseason just may be lining up to throw money at him.

"The other 31 teams out there need to save their money and vote for Michael Vick or try to get a bid for him because the way he was looking out there, he was looking awesome," Redskins defensive

tackle Albert Haynesworth said.

Some would argue that if Redskins quarterback Donovan McNabb can get a \$78 million, five-year deal from the Redskins, the 30-year-old Vick certainly should be worth more right now. He's younger and arguably playing better than McNabb did when he led the Eagles to the Super Bowl in 2004. McNabb was traded by the Eagles to Washington in April and the rest, well, is history.

"I could have never envisioned this," Vick said. "Signing here, I didn't even think I'd be starting as the quarterback this year. So, all of this is paramount for me, but at the same time it's somewhat surprising."

Hard to believe that Vick's No. 7 jersey, which was being sold at clearance prices last December, is a hot item nowadays.

"He's my favorite player," said Ashley Walton, one of many fans wearing a Vick jersey at a sports bar in South Philadelphia. "I know what he did was wrong and it's something some people will never forgive him for, but he went to jail and he did his time. People can't judge him for one mistake forever. Everyone makes mistakes."

Indeed, Vick has made the Eagles (6-3) an instant contender in a season in what was to be a rebuilding season. They're 4-0 in games that he's started and finished, and are tied with the New York Giants for first place in the NFC East.

Check out his numbers, despite missing three games with a rib injury: He has passed for 1,350 yards and 11 TDs and rushed for 341 yards and four TDs. He hasn't thrown an interception or lost a fumble and his passer rating of 115.1 leads the NFL.

Vick's sensational game against the Skins made his college coach, Frank Beamer at Virginia Tech, think about the 2000 Sugar Bowl. Back then, Vick put on quite a show against Florida State even though the Hokies lost 46-29.

"I remember the day after the national championship game, everybody was talking about the performance Michael Vick had last night ...," Beamer said Tuesday. "Today seems like that same day. Everybody in the country seems to be talking about what a performance he had last night, and he did."

In general, he said, Vick doesn't take anything for granted.

"The time away, I think he realized a lot of things and in talking with him, he's very humble and just glad to be back in the NFL. And then I think he's worked hard to get his body in condition. I think he's worked hard to get mentally right out there and know where the ball needs to go and be good in that regard. I always thought he was good. I always thought he had unbelievable talent, different talent. I think he's determined to get it back right."

"I'm pulling for him all the way. I'm pulling for him hard."

MISO girls caging playoffs this weekend



The play-off round in the 2010-2011 MISO Girls Basketball League will begin this Friday with four teams battling for the season championship at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

Top-ranked Marianas High

School will play in the first playoff round against the fourth-seeded Saipan Southern High School at 2pm, while in the second game at 4pm Tinian High School will take on Kagman High School.

The Lady Dolphins are seeded first in the playoffs after sweeping the three-round robin

regular season. The Lady Ayuyus finished second in the regular season with their 2-4 record and will be vying for their fourth straight varsity championship.

Kagman secured its third girls varsity title in a row after beating MHS in last season's finals, 56-47.

Southern had only one win

in the regular season to get the last seeding, while Tinian was given the automatic third seed, as it could not compete in the regular season due to travel arraignment problems.

This year's MISO girls caging is down to four teams after Saipan International School pulled out of the tournament

due to lack of manpower.

In the playoffs, the four remaining teams will play in a double-elimination format. Winners of Friday's Games 1 and 2 will duel for the first finals seat in Game 3 at 6:30pm, while losers will need to win their second game to remain in contention.

Two more playoff games

will be played on Saturday at 11:30am and 1:30pm, while Game 1 of the finals is set for 4pm.

A brief award ceremony for all sports in the MISO calendar will take place at the halftime break of Game 1 and Game 2, if necessary, will take place at 6:30pm. (Roselyn B. Monroyo)

Power Plant continues to lord it over govt darts



CUC Power Plant remains in first place in the Bud Light Lime Second Inter-Government Dart League standings by just under five percentage points after last Friday's matchups.

CUC boasts a win-loss record of 148-62, which pans out to a 0.7048 winning percentage out of 210 games.

Second-ranked AG's Piligro holds a record of 149-76 and over 30 games behind the leaders sit the DPW Troubleshooters (117-93) in the third spot.

Weekly notables include a 160 High-In by Ed Diaz of Public Health's Oh Yeah! and a 120 High-Out by Piligro's Jayson John.

CUC Power Plant 10, DPS Enforcers 5

At Naked Fish Bar & Grill, visiting CUC Power plant swept all four singles 301 matches, a game of wild cricket, a partners Burma Half-It match, a partners 501 game, and clinched the team victory with a pair of cricket wins. It also took the final team 1001 match to their total.

AG's Piligro 8, Trouble Shooters 7

At Buddies, home team AG's Piligro split a pair of singles 301 matches and swept both sets of wild cricket and partners Burma Half-It before taking a pair of cricket games for the team victory.

Oh-Yeah! 9, PSS Na'Gupu 6

At Buddies, home team Oh-Yeah! won three of the four singles 301 matches, a game of wild cricket, a game of partners Burma Half-It, a game of partners 501, and a pair of cricket matches to secure the team victory. They added the final team 1001 match to their total.

DYS Atdit 10, NMC PROA 5

At USSP, visiting Atdit swept all four singles 301 matches, wild cricket games, a partners Burma Half-It contest, and a partners 501 game for a swift team victory. It went on to add a cricket match and the final team 1001 game to their total. (Walter Sutherland)



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Members of Public Health Oh Yeah! pose during their government dart league game at Buddies Bar & Grill. From left, Eric Atalig, April Camacho, team captain Ed Diaz, and Jeremy Sasamoto.

THREE-WAY

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Sunday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

With its 2-1-0 win-draw-loss record, Wild Bill's has earned seven points and is in three-way logjam for the lead with Inter Godfather's and MP United.

Adul Detton scored the first goal for Wild Bill's, finding the back of the net in the 20th

minute. Eleven minutes later, Jack Thoensaket made it to the scoreboard ending the first half with Wild Bill's ahead, 2-0.

Then in the second half, Thoensaket logged back-to-back goals to complete the hat trick and lead Wild Bill's convincing win. Thoensaket posted his second goal in the 62nd minute and after eight minutes hit another one. Wild Bill's last goal came in the 80th minute courtesy of Daniel Wollack.

who gets the upper hand to compete for a championship berth.

QQ caging organizers are aiming to start their best-of-three championship series on Nov. 24, 7pm at the Garapan Basketball Court.

In addition to the championship game, organizers promised that there will be an awards ceremony recognizing regular season standouts, a dance number, games, and other surprises.

Tan Holdings FC's lone goal was recorded in the 77th minute, thanks to Markos Xiang. The loss was Tan Holdings' second against a draw and no win, putting the squad in the bottom half of the team standings.

MP United 5, Matansa 0

MP United joined Inter Godfather's and Wild Bill's in the top spot after shutting out Matansa, 5-0, in the second game

last weekend.

MP United, which whipped Independents in its debut, 11-1, and then drew Inter Godfather's last Thursday, 1-1, got its goals from five different players.

Jae Hyuck Yim broke the ice in the 20th minute and then Tiger Lee scored his first goal in the 40th minute for MP United's 2-0 halftime lead.

Seven minutes after the second half started, it was Le Ve-hahn's turn to light up the score-

competition and further develop more disciplined basketball in the CNMI," he said.

He said raising the standard of outdoor basketball is not easy, but through the hard work and dedication of QQ caging volunteers it was achieved.

"I would also like to express my gratitude to all of the team officials. Thank you James Hann, Ray Lizama, Pyke Sabino, Jess Pabula, Boy Garcia, Walter

Abunga, Kermit Concepcion, Archie Velasco, Rolly Paraiso, and Romeo Oliveras," he said.

Ferrera Builders 81 – Bernardo 21, Abuy 16, Abuel 13, Rasa 12, Mortos 9, David 6,

Abedes 4.

Wings Travel 72 – Diaz 18, Aquino 14, Berline 11, Talania 8, Mendoza 7, Stafford 5, Morales 3, Camacho 2, Guiang 2.

Scoring by quarters: 33-12, 43-29, 54-49, 81-72.

FERRERA

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where it will face the victor of last night's matchup between top seed Docomo Pacific and IT&E.

On Friday, Wings Travel will face the loser of last night's game to stay alive in the competition. Ferrera Builders will then challenge last night's winner to see

up to Eli Torgeson.

In the women's division, it will be a three-nation battle with the absence of defending champion and former Olympian Amber Halliday of Australia. Mieko Carey, who was runner-up to Halliday last year and won in 2008, aims for her second title and a first place finish for the CNMI this year. Guam will lean on 2009 third placer Guam's Chi-

yo Lombard, while Korea will have Kim Myo Jin, the champion of the 2010 70K Tour de DMZ and the KINTEX 77K.

Next month's Hell will have two divisions—road and mountain bike races. Riders can also compete in individual division, two-person, and team event. Registration is ongoing and for more information, call Pacific Islands Club's front desk at 237-5130.

Rangamar, Michael Brown, Katie Peters, Nikki Gabaldon, Josh Stevens, Kim Bae Ji, Heather Kennedy, Andrea Ozawa, and Dan Calvo.

For more information about next week's race, contact Elias Rangamar at eli_rang@yahoo.com.

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Smarchkov submitted 3:03:26 to complete Russia's 1-2 finish.

Without Bagenov and Smarchkov, the task to keep the men's division title to a Russian biker solely lies on the shoulder of Fast, a former member of the Italian cycling pro team G.S. 93

OFZ FAAC Electromatic.

Joining Fast and the big group off off-island riders in next month's race is Garcia, who competed in the first three editions of Hell and will be using his familiarity with the course in search for the elusive first win. In three years of participating in the 100-km race, Garcia's best finish was in 2008 when he placed runner-

Torgeson. Torgeson completed the uphill race in 34:20, eclipsing the 2006 record (36:46) logged by Stuart Smith.

In the women's division, Oshima-Berger will be gunning for her third win in a row. She topped the 2008 race with a time

of 44:09 and then shattered her own record last year with the women's division winning time of 43:56.

Besides Oshima-Berger and Kabiriel, also expected to defend their age group division titles are Angelo Jones, Lia

NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	8	2	.800	–
New Jersey	4	6	.400	4
New York	3	8	.273	5Ω
Philadelphia	2	9	.182	6Ω
Toronto	2	9	.182	6Ω

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	7	3	.700	–
Atlanta	8	4	.667	–
Miami	6	4	.600	1
Charlotte	4	7	.364	3 1/2
Washington	3	6	.333	3 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	6	3	.667	–
Cleveland	5	5	.500	1 1/2
Milwaukee	5	6	.455	2
Indiana	4	5	.444	2
Detroit	4	7	.364	3

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New Orleans	8	1	.889	–

Yesterday's Games

Cleveland 101, Philadelphia 93

Atlanta 102, Indiana 92

Washington 109, Toronto 94

Portland 100, Memphis 99

L.A. Lakers 118, Milwaukee 107

Chicago 95, Houston 92

Denver 120, New York 118

2010 NMA All Schools Cross Country Championship Winners

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Runners, coaches, parents, and volunteers pose for group photo after the race.



Hopwood Junior High School principal Jonas Barcinas, left, and coach Frankie Angel, right, pose with their runners who took the Top 3 finishes in the girls U12 division.



Marianas High School runners pose for a group photo after the race.



Boys U14 Top 3 finishers, champion Bryan Floresca, second right, runner-up Jin Pyo Geo, second left, and Vinni Inos, right.



Veteran runner Chang Wang Jang, left, joins the boys U18 Top 3 finishers, from right, champion Michael Mancao, third placer Beouch Ngirchongor, and runner-up Danny Bai.



The Top 3 finishers in the boys U12 division, from left, third place John Auther of Whispering Palms, champion Berneil Taisacan of Hopwood, and runner-up El-Ethan Wong of Saipan Community School.



The Saipan Community School boys U12 team and coach Amanda Kloeppe receive their championship trophy.



Saipan Community School coach Amanda Kloeppe, left, joins boys U10 race runner-up Noel Lim, first placer Haruya Eda, and third placer Yun Pyo Geon in the awards ceremony for the 2010 NMA All Schools Cross Country Championship last Saturday at the CPA Field.



Girls U14 champion Mikayla Lopez, second from right, and runner-up Tiana Osuda, second from left, are joined by coach Frankie Angel and Hopwood principal Jonas Barcinas during the awards ceremony.



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Three-way tie for lead in men's league

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Wild Bill's notched its second straight win to figure in a three-way tie for the lead in the 2010 NMIFA Men's Football Fall Cup.

Wild Bill's, which forced a 2-2 draw in its debut against Korean Football Association on Saipan and then won over Baek Du San, 7-0, started a winning run after a big victory against Tan Holdings Football Club, 5-1, last

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Wild Bill's Greg Elliot, right, in action against a Tan Holdings FC striker during their game in the NMIFA men's league last Sunday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

Ferrera Builders beat Wings Travel; completes Final Four

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 Ferrera Builders completed the Final Four of the QQ Car Rental Basketball Cup after defeating Wings Travel, 81-72, at the Garapan Basketball Court Monday night.

Ferrera Builders got off to a great start and jumped ahead by over 20 points, 33-12, in the first quarter.

Sharp-shooting guard Wowie Abuel led the way for Ferrera Builders with 11 markers, while Wings Travel came out with cold feet with defense-oriented center Bruce Berline uncharacteristically leading the way with seven points in their anemic first quarter.

Ferrera Builders slowed down a bit in the second as Wings Travel's defense held them to only 10 points. Despite this, Ferrera Builders still maintained a double-digit 43-29 advantage at the break.

Kae Bernardo scored six points for Ferrera Builders in the second, while a lot of hands chipped in on Wings Travel.



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Wowie Abuel, seen here in a file photo, pumped in 16 points in Ferrera Builders' win against Wings Travel in the quarterfinals of the QQ caging Monday night at the Garapan Basketball Court.

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Seo



Choi

Asian Games veteran joins 'Hell'

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Two Korean pro cyclists, including an Asian Games veteran, will be competing in next month's 4th Annual Hell of Marianas Century Cycle Race.

Seong Yoon Choi and Seo Joon Yong confirmed their participation in the 100-kilometer road race and are expected to give Russia's Konstantin Fast, Guam's Jazy Garcia, and Japan's Takahiro Ogasawara a "helluva" race in the men's division championship and the \$1,500 prize that will be given to the top male finisher.

The 25-year-old Choi was a member of the South Korea cycling team that competed in the 2006 Asian Games on Doha, Qatar. South Korea

won the track cycling men's team pursuit finals of the quadrennial event.

This year, Choi finished third in the 2010 National Sports Festival and second in the 2010 ACC Track Asian Cup.

Choi's compatriot, Seo, also represented South Korea's national team in various competitions from 2007 to 2009 and is the record holder in the 2010 National Sports Festival.

The two Korean pros are expected to fill the void left by last year's top two finishers Alexander Bagenov and Eugeniy Smarchkov, who could not make it to next month's race due to schedule problems.

Bagenov timed in at three hours, three minutes, and 25.88 seconds to rule the third edition of the annual race, while

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Turkey Trot Fun Run next week

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